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University considering using cellular phone plan

 By CLARK GRELL
 CHIEF REPORTER

Northwest has for many years been known as an electronic campus and now the University is looking at taking another step forward. Northwest officials are looking at the possibility of the addition of cellular phones to campus.

Instead of the phone system that is in place now where each room in the residential halls is connected to land lines, students would have access to their own cell phone.

Jon Rickman, vice president of information systems, said the proposal might help the University save money for students who have cellular phones.

"It became obvious that a lot of students on campus have cell phones," Rickman said. "Within five years nearly all students are going to have cell phones."

The study began over a year ago on

the expanded cell phone service on campus.

Officials have taken the proposal in front of focus groups and on Webstar.

"We are in the process of gathering feedback and input," said Ken White, vice president of communications. "Before we really move ahead we want to find out if people on campus feel that this would benefit our students and if so, that is when it's time to sit down and look at the details and put together a plan."

White said a focus group of 40 students were presented the information Jan. 24. After questions were raised and answered, 36 students voted in favor of the proposal.

"We had everyone from freshmen to graduate students involved in the focus group," White said. "The meeting was just outstanding."

On Wednesday, the proposal was brought in front of Team Leadership

consisting of deans and chair directors. The group brought up issues such as how it would affect students that already own cellular phones.

A survey was put on Webstar in an effort to find out how many students own cell phones. The survey shows that 55-66 percent of Northwest students own a cell phone, with more than 800 students participating in the survey.

"We were thinking a contract for cellular service would help us manage cell phones on campus instead of students negotiating on their own," Rickman said.

Officials are looking at the 3G digital technology in cellular phones, which ties together voice and data digital networking into a single cellular phone.

Rickman said the digital phones have a tremendous capability.

The phones would also include features like wireless Web access that is

built into the handset.

Rickman said the phones would provide a good connection between students and the campus.

"We could possibly program a wireless Web site that would let you look at class openings and a list of campus activities that are going on that day on the phone," Rickman said.

The Web sites would have to be designed specifically for the cellular phones since the phones are more text-oriented.

Focus groups brought up the downside of having the majority of students on campus with cellular phones.

"We know that professors have rules about not using cell phones in the classroom," Rickman said. "I am a strong advocate that we need some restrictive rules on the group settings."

Rickman said there are three main issues to review. First, the campus would have to see if there is enough cell

sites for all users on campus. Second, the coverage would have to be evaluated. Third, officials must look at how local minutes would be used.

Officials are still weary about how long the process will take.

"The process depends on the commitment of the vendors," Rickman said. "We hope to find that out through a bid process as soon as possible. If they are ready to go then there probably is not a lot of justifications that we shouldn't go ahead."

Rickman and others will continue to evaluate the process, mainly looking for bids from vendors and getting public opinion.

"This is not a done deal, but there are quite a few good reasons that we should consider this," Rickman said. "It is a good time to look into it."

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Quick reader.

A fast grasp on the situation.

What happened?

Northwest is looking into providing cell phones for all students.

Why?

The change would save the University money in the long run.

What is next?

Northwest is talking with cell phone service providers and bids need to be evaluated.

Classic story to be told on stage

 By MICHELLE STACY
 MISSOURIAN REPORTER

The play, "The Diary of Anne Frank," will give audiences a chance to be on stage and experience the story in a life-like experience.

"The Diary of Anne Frank," put on by 18 students from the Department of Communications and Theatre, will be staged in thrust. This means the audience will be sitting on the stage on three sides of the performance. This lets the audience be closer to the action.

Jason Daunter, the show's director, said this style of seating keeps the intimacy of the piece.

"We hope that with this seating the audience will feel engulfed in the space," he said. "It is supposed to make them feel part of the story like they are hiding in the attic with the family."

The play is based on the actual events of a young girl, Anne Frank, and her family in hiding during the Holocaust.

In the play Anne's father, the only survivor, goes back to the attic where his family hid for 28 months. There he finds his daughter's diary. After reading excerpts from it, he remembers, in flashbacks, what happened during those months.

Daunter knew from the beginning that this was a great show to perform at Northwest.

"I have always had a special place in my heart for this play and the Holocaust is something that has always fascinated me," he said. "It is an amazing story and I'm excited for people to see it."

"The Diary of Anne Frank" will be performed at 7:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday, and at 2 p.m. Saturday in the Charles Johnson Theatre.

Tickets are \$2 and can be bought at the door the nights of the performance. Since seating is available only on the stage, it will be limited.

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Jazz Society inviting students to celebration

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The Coleman Hawkins Jazz Society had big plans for this Saturday evening, but expectations might fall short in the turnout numbers.

The idea was to create a light-hearted competition between Missouri Western and Northwest with a Mardi Gras parade in St. Joseph, said Mark Sheehan, president of the Jazz Society.

"There's no social connection between the two," Sheehan said.

Burton Taylor, Northwest alumni and member of the Jazz Society, said the goal was to create a traveling trophy with the winner being the school with the most students participating in events.

However, the University cannot sponsor such an event because it would be liable from the time students left until they returned, said Dan Weeks, president of the Interfraternity Council at Northwest.

"If chapters go down, then the fraternity presidents are liable," Weeks said. "None of the presidents wanted to assume that responsibility."

Weeks said the situation is different for Missouri Western students because they can just walk to the event.

"We can't be liable for that many students going that far without really being able to regulate anything," Weeks said.

Another factor in turnout is that signs to advertise the parade could not be posted on campus. In order for signs to be approved, they have to have a campus sponsor, said Carol Cowles, assistant vice president of student affairs.

The parade was created as a fundraiser for the Jazz Society to keep its annual June festival free. The parade kicks off at 9 p.m. Saturday at the Civic Arena in St. Joseph.

A Dixieland band will start the parade, followed by a traditional Mardi Gras casket march, which is the ceremonial burial of winter, Sheehan said. Downtown St. Joseph businesses are also participating by sponsoring crews. The Jazz Society will sell beads, sweatshirts, and beans and rice. There is no cost to participate in the parade.

"All that we ask is you practice your wave," Sheehan said.

The Jazz Society still urges students to come down and walk in the parade.

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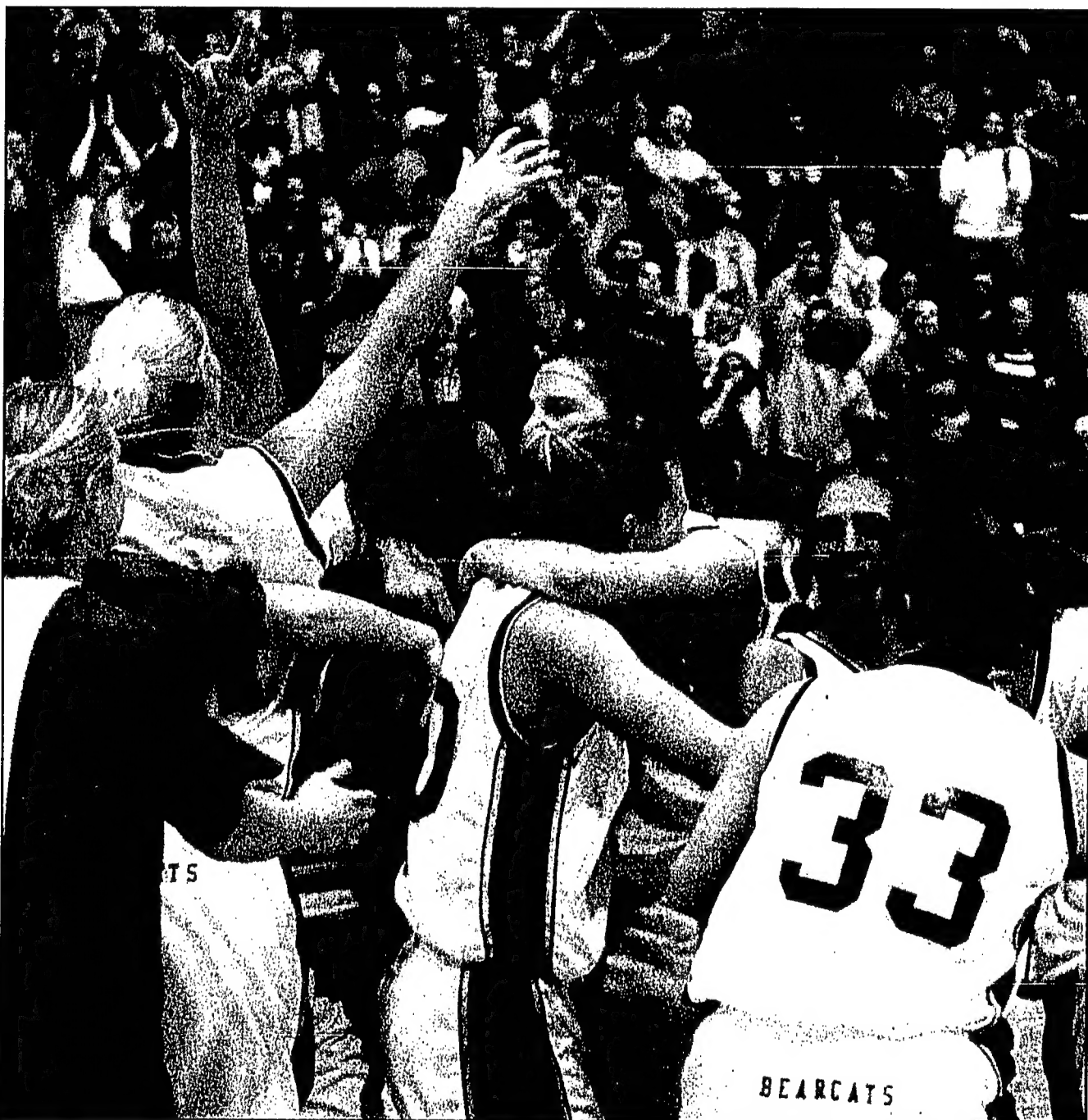


PHOTO BY BILL KNUST/ASSIGNMENT DIRECTOR
The Northwest women's basketball team celebrates at center court after Monday night's upset victory over then-No. 2-ranked Missouri Western. With the win, the Bearcats have now knocked off the No. 2-ranked and No. 4-ranked teams in the country this year.

Council member preps for state race

 By ABBY SIMONS
 COMMUNITY NEWS EDITOR

As the sun sets on the final legislative term of Missouri State Rep. Rex Barnett, area citizens prepare to take advantage of the upcoming vacancy to serve their district in the House.

Barnett will be stepping down from his seat after finishing his fourth and final two-year term as Missouri's 4th District representative. Barnett addressed both the advantages and disadvantages to term limits imposed upon Missouri legislators.

"Some citizens were upset about the limits," Barnett said. "A lot of people feel that the voters are the best term limiters, but there are also advantages to term limits."

A retired zone commander for the Missouri State Highway Patrol, Barnett is proud of his accomplishments while serving as a representative, particularly in the areas of law enforcement.

"I'm real happy with things I've been able to do either as a sponsor or co-sponsor of bills in the area of law enforcement and criminal law, primarily

motor vehicle laws," Barnett said. "I've been very satisfied with my tenure down here and I feel like I've accomplished a good deal of what I've come down here to do."

Brad Lager of Maryville is among those prepared to run for a seat in the House in Barnett's place.

Lager, who has been an active member of the City Council since April 2001, said his experience on the Council would influence his political actions for the better if he were elected.

"Being a member of a nonpartisan council helps me understand the political process better," Lager said. "Our success as a city council encourages me to go to Jefferson City and represent northwest Missouri the best that I can."

Lager said he has been encouraged to run by both Democrats and Republicans, but if he decides to run, will plan to register on the Republican ticket.

Lager, who graduated from Northwest in 1997 with a degree in computer management, owns and operates LMS Communications in Maryville. He said that the flexibility of his business would offer him a good opportunity to travel the frequent trips to Jefferson City required for representatives.

If elected, Lager plans to bring a philosophy of his own to the House.

"First off, the answer is not bigger government, it's better government," Lager said. "We all acknowledge that

the government is there for a reason, which is to facilitate services to its citizens. What a government does, they must do it well. They must do it efficiently and effectively."

Lager also stressed how a good government possesses the ability to run smoothly.

"I believe in allowing people to be people, and encouraging them to work with the abilities that they have, such as a strong work ethic and good values," Lager said. "When we make a law, we are restricting freedom, or a person's ability to do something, sometimes unnecessarily."

Lager said he also intends to address the important issue of Missouri's current budget crisis.

"Our economy currently has a budget that's not balancing," Lager said. "We're going in the red. The answer to this problem is to begin by cutting spending, as opposed to raising taxes. Like any economy, you spend your way out of a recession, which reduces the tax burden, creating greater tax dollars. It all starts with cutting spending."

Although candidates have yet to be officially announced and elections will not be held until late March, Lager is enthusiastic about the upcoming race.

"If the race opened up tomorrow, and the question is 'Would Brad Lager be in?', the answer is yes," Lager said.

Wellness class, lab could end

 By KARA SWINK
 CHIEF REPORTER

The Faculty Senate met Wednesday to discuss omitting the two-hour lifetime wellness lecture and the one-hour lifetime wellness lab from the general education requirements.

Since March 2001, the Faculty Senate and Provost Taylor Barnes have been debating the proposal and how it would affect the University.

The provost recommended the elimination Wednesday and the proposal reaffirms the original package which included three hours of wellness.

Fourteen members from each Senate department reaffirmed the importance of the course and lab. Six members opposed the proposal, which was voted on by secret ballot Wednesday.

The proposal now goes to the Board of Regents. The faculty's constitution tells the provost he must take it to the Board, but the provost can choose to support or reject the proposal.

The provost is not supporting the proposal being taken to the Board as of now, leaving the Senate to debate the issue and the Board to ask questions.

Faculty Senate President Doug Dunham will present the reason why the Senate thinks the proposal is important and why it should be included after it goes to the Board, he said.

Barnes will give his reason on why he does not recommend the proposal, leaving the Board to decide whether the proposal should be approved.

If the Board approves the proposal as it is written, the lifetime wellness lab and course would be part of the institutional requirements. However, if the Board fails to approve the proposal, everything will start all over again by submitting requirements.

Only a few other Missouri universities require a wellness component.

Studies have proven that undergraduates who have taken a wellness course in college are more likely to engage in healthful behaviors compared to undergraduates who do not have a wellness course, Dunham said.

One of the key quality indicators show that Northwest cares about students. Dunham said that Northwest is interested in the personal and social development of its students which ties in with wellness.

During the debate, it was mentioned at the meeting it would be a strange argument that wellness is not part of the University's mission when it directly relates to a key quality indicator.

The University mission statement reads, "In its undergraduate programs, Northwest is committed to providing students a strong general education core, preparing them for a world of constant change."

The Senate agreed that if they are not concerned about the health and well-being of the students, then they are not concerned with the well-being that is discussed in the mission statement.

If the Board would decide to do away with lifetime wellness and the lab, it would still be available for students to take; however, there would not be as many sections because it would not be a required class.

For students who are earning a degree online and are never physically on campus, the Senate has decided to put the lifetime wellness lecture online and possibly the lab by fall.

The Board will meet Feb. 21 to make a final decision on whether to include the proposal as part of institutional requirements.

Teacher honored

By AMY PUTNEY
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

One of Northwest's own was awarded the Young Professional Award, sponsored by the Ethnic Minorities Council.

Paula McNeil, associate professor of health, physical education, recreation and dance (HPERD), was given this award which goes to individuals who have demonstrated themselves as strong leaders and who are committed to the advancement of HPERD. McNeil was chosen from 52 applicants who applied for the award.

Co-worker and HPERD chair Terry Robertson said McNeil was a perfect candidate for the award for a number of reasons.

"She's what we like to call a 'triple threat' in a positive way," Robertson said. "She is a good teacher, a good researcher and a good contributing professional."

McNeil came to Northwest from Florida State University almost two years ago. On her first visit to campus, she remembers feeling right at home.

"I met so many people who are just like me—they just want to help other people," McNeil said.

Since coming to Northwest, helping other people has been a full-time job for McNeil. When she

is not acting as faculty advisor for the Alliance of Black Collegians, ABC Gospel Choir and Alpha Phi Alpha and serving as graduate coordinator for HPERD, she is visiting high schools across the area, motivating students to go to college.

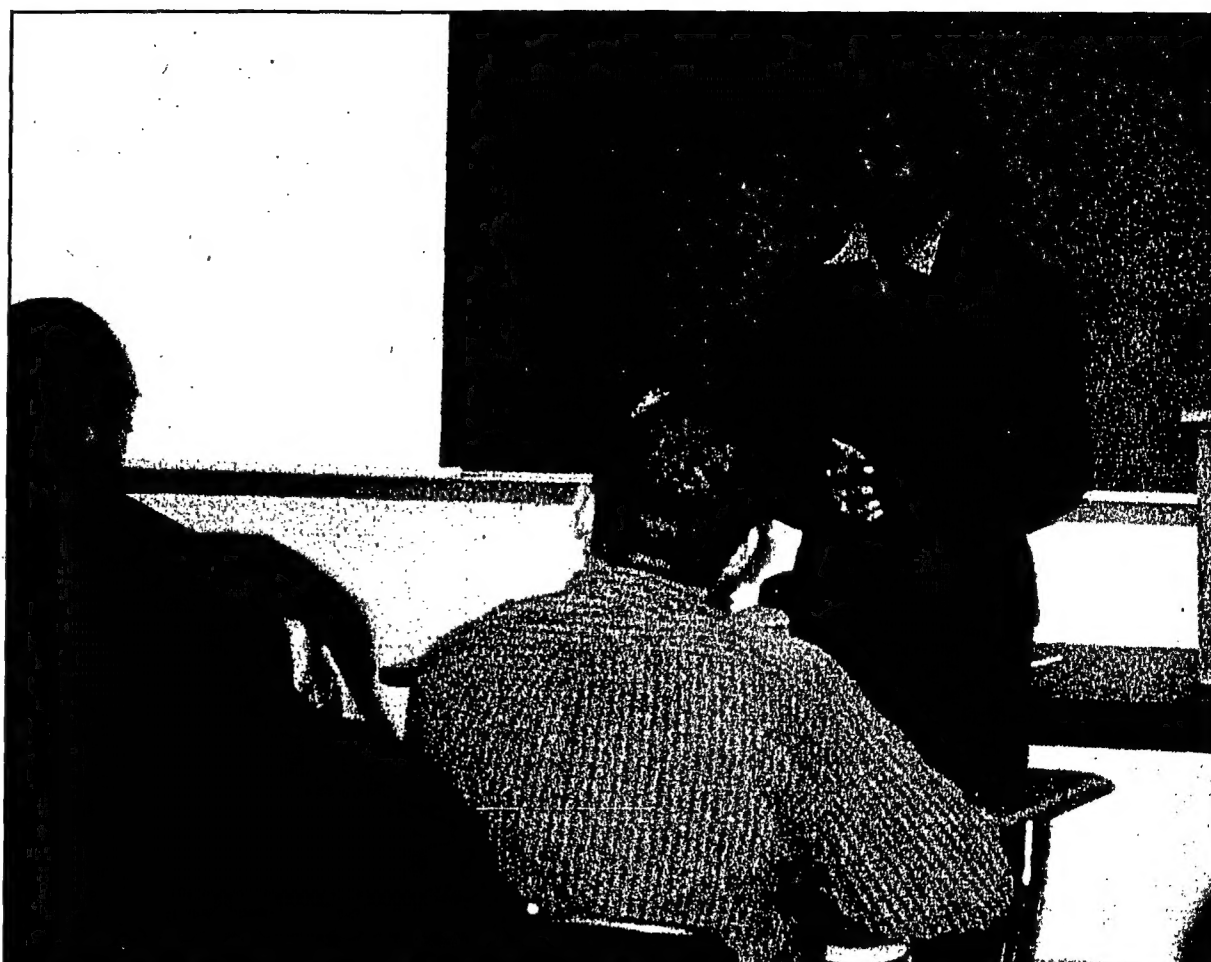
Her Student Recruitment Committee is dedicated to helping students, especially minorities, understand they can continue to educate themselves after high school.

"I try to teach them that anyone can go to college," she said.

As if acting as a motivational speaker for students is not enough extracurricular, McNeil also travels to area high school PTA meetings, helping parents begin the process of helping their children into college. She said that sometimes children will understand their options but their parents do not, and that can hold them back.

Aside from this motivational work, McNeil also helps organize events such as the Special Olympics basketball tournament that was held at North Nodaway High School last weekend. With help from her students, she was able to organize the event that drew nearly 400 people.

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Paula McNeil was the proud recipient of the Young Professional Award. This award specializes in the fields of physical education, health, recreation and dance. McNeil competed for this award against 51 other professionals.

Acclaimed production set to visit

By LAURA PEARL
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She earned the nickname "Little Sure Shot" from Chief Sitting Bull and toured the country in Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show more than a century ago. Through the critically acclaimed musical "Annie Get Your Gun," Annie Oakley continues to reach modern theatergoers, and through this musical, Northwest students will have a chance to see the Wild West heroine in action next week.

The musical, part of Northwest's Encore Series performance roster, will begin at 8 p.m. Feb. 13 in the Mary Linn Auditorium.

Columbia Artists Management International, the company bringing the show to Northwest, works with the University to establish a convenient performance date, said Bryan Vanosdale, director of campus activities.

The musical profiles Oakley's relationship with Frank Butler, a sentimental marksman in Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show. The story behind the musical has more than just historical appeal, Vanosdale said.

"I think name recognition is a big factor here," he said. "The accolades and awards that have been given to the performance speak well for it."

Although the musical is based on portions of Annie Oakley's life, it is a fictionalized version of the sharpshooter's background. Written by legendary composer Irving Berlin and Herbert and Dorothy Fields, the musical compensates for any historical inaccuracies with award-winning music and creative roles.

"Annie Get Your Gun" has won both Tony and Grammy awards and has survived the test of time. The show opened in May 1946 and ran for 1,147 straight performances, returning in 1999 to win the Tony for Best Musical Revival.

"This is going to be big Broadway, and it has the appeal that comes with that recognition," Vanosdale said.

Familiar songs such as "There's No Business Like Show Business," "I Got the Sun in the Morning," "Doin' What Comes Naturally," "You Can't Get a Man With a Gun," "They Say It's Wonderful" and "Anything You Can Do" also have the potential to attract students and community members.

Vanosdale said Annie Oakley's rural Ohio heritage was a key factor in drawing local residents in to the performance.

"The region we live in is, in a sense, where this takes place," he said. "If you ask most people, they're going to know the background of this story."

Tickets for the show are \$18, \$16 and \$14 and are available at the Student Services desk in the Administration building. Approximately 75 to 100 tickets remain, Vanosdale said.

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Performers dazzle, entertain

By CLARK GRELL
CHIEF REPORTER

The National Acrobats of Taiwan, R.O.C. took to the stage Tuesday night and had the crowd wanting more.

The performers put on a show of 12 acts, each unique. The show gave spectators an idea of Chinese culture with its use of music, masks, costumes and props.

The show had everything from high-risk acts to humor. Spectators got to see tables balanced on feet and as many as 10 acrobats ride one

bicycle.

"I enjoyed the show and was surprised by a long shot," said Joe Alley, business management major. "All the time, I was waiting for them to mess up and they never did. It was amazing."

Early in the show, the acrobats jumped through rings of fire and knives, at times blindfolded. One act involved a performer stacking as many as 10 chairs on top of each other. The chairs were then balanced by four glass champagne

bottles. The acrobat then did handstands on top of the chairs, nearly touching the ceiling of the auditorium. The act got a standing ovation.

The show ended with the acrobats forming pyramids and hoisting small American flags.

"It was incredible," said Bryan Vanosdale, director of campus activities. "Their talent, strength, flexibility is amazing. They are true performers and true athletes."

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Spring concert planned

By LAURA PEARL
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Northwest students will have the opportunity to spend one March evening reliving some classic hip-hop musical performances.

Spotlight, the group that brings artists and bands to campus for performances, has booked the groups Sir Mix-A-Lot and Tone Loc for a spring concert.

The groups will come to campus March 19 and will perform at the Mary Linn Auditorium.

Spotlight booked the groups with Clear Channel Entertainment in St. Louis last week, selecting the performers for their popularity and name recognition, said Spotlight President Chase Rasa.

"We all grew up in the time with the 'Baby Got Back' song and 'Wild Thing,' so the appeal of actually getting to see these groups perform is big," he said.

Sir Mix-A-Lot's "Baby Got Back" won a Grammy in 1992, and Tone Loc's "Wild Thing" was a 1989 hit.

Uplifting performance



The Choralaires from Scottsbluff, Neb., perform acrobatic moves, sing and dance. They participated with 39 other groups in the Show/Jazz Choir Festival last weekend.

Genetic researcher, author to visit campus

By MISSOURIAN STAFF

A guest speaker will be lecturing at 8 p.m. Thursday at the Mary Linn Auditorium on the Northwest campus.

Pearl Duncan, a former literature professor and current genetic researcher and author, will be speaking on the topic of genealogical research, the process of researching through genetics.

Duncan became interested in researching her family history but was unable to do so through traditional means. Duncan heard about using DNA research to trace her family history and decided to find out more about the process.

Duncan's exploration of the process was successful. She became the first American ever to use DNA for the purpose of researching family history.

Through this DNA research, Duncan was able to locate ancestors on three different continents.

Duncan traced her family history from Scotland and Africa to Jamaica using the DNA searching process.

Duncan will be speaking about how she became interested in genealogical research and the process she went through to get the information she needed.

Duncan's work lends itself to discussion and should have a wide appeal with campus and community members attending the lecture, said Bryan Vanosdale, director of campus activities.

"The subject matter of what she's done is kind of a first, kind of a breakthrough," he said. "From what I can gather, what she's done has been able to spur some other opportunities in genetic and DNA research."

Duncan has also written a non-fiction book titled "DNA Adventure: We Are All Related," which will be published next fall. The book profiles Duncan's DNA search through

her ancestry.

Duncan's reputation as a successful researcher and author were not the only factors Vanosdale considered when he booked her as an Encore Series lecturer, however. A Northwest alumnus suggested Vanosdale look into booking Duncan to come to campus to share her knowledge and personal experience personally, Vanosdale said.

"This person felt (Duncan) would have a strong appeal for the campus and community, and I think that she will definitely have a lot to offer us," he said.

Admission to the lecture is free and open to the public.



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Familiar face fills temporary Council position

By ABBY SIMONS
COMMUNITY NEWS EDITOR

A chair on the Maryville City Council never stays empty for long. Because of this, a new but not unfamiliar face has filled the formerly vacant space among the councilmen.

Long-time Maryville resident John Jasinski was sworn in as a member of the Council at a meeting Jan. 28. He replaces former Council member Amy Klaas, who recently resigned after moving out of the city limits. Jasinski is temporarily serving until Council elections, which will be held April 1. After this date, he will run to obtain a seat on the Council for a three-year term.

Jasinski has been an active community member since his 1986 arrival to Maryville as an instructor of mass communications at Northwest.

In 1992, he was promoted to department chair where he served until becoming associate provost for the University in 1998.

Last March, Jasinski resigned to take a position working as part of a team designed to improve the Detroit Public School System, but later returned to Maryville where he currently resides with his wife, Denise, and their four children, Matthew, 14, Joseph, 10, Leah, 3, and Lucas, 20 months.

Jasinski, who now works as a con-

sultant for higher education organizations, as well as K-12 school districts and healthcare organizations throughout the nation, is taking advantage of the opportunities his new seat on the Council will bring.

"Number one, I believe in service," Jasinski said. "I've lived here for 16 years, and now is an opportune time. There's unlimited potential for Maryville."

While serving, Jasinski plans to concentrate on many key issues including education, local recycling and airport expansion, but also plans to emphasize youth and senior citizens' issues.

"Out of the gate, I want to be ori-

ented to city structure and learn about the plans for the future," Jasinski said. "One of the things we need to emphasize is the needs of the citizens, including senior citizens as well as youth. I want to get youth involved in government and service, as well as concentrating on the many young families in the area."

While addressing these and many other issues, Jasinski's main priority will be to serve the citizens of Maryville.

"You have to look at the city from angles, including what people's needs, dreams and desires are," Jasinski said. "Ultimately I want to make sure my

term is part of the team that keeps the city growing and improving."

As an active community member, Jasinski has coached several youth sports, is a member of the St. Gregory's parish council and participates in numerous activities at St. Gregory's Catholic School. Jasinski plans to give back to the community with his new position on the Council.

"Maryville's a great community to be a part of, as well as to raise children," Jasinski said. "We certainly want to contribute."

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JOHN JASINSKI
APPOINTED TO SEAT ON
MARYVILLE CITY COUNCIL

Local bands bring unique sound, skits

By KARA SWINK
CHIEF REPORTER

Ska and punk fans will have the opportunity to hear area Kansas City, Mo., bands, the Swabbies and Dial 9 when they make their way into the 'Ville this weekend.

Fans can enter the doors to hear Dial 9 and the Swabbies at 7:30 p.m., Saturday at Hole-in-One Entertainment, located at 216 W. Third St. Dial 9 will begin at 8 p.m. followed by the Swabbies at 9 p.m.

The concert is \$2 in advance or \$3 at the door. Those who get tickets in advance will receive a \$1 off coupon for one game of mini-golf.

The Swabbies began eight years ago when lead singer Brice Willson and his friends decided to get together and play punk music in seventh grade, never thinking they would later play actual shows.

"We didn't have any intent on doing anything big, we just wanted to start playing," Willson said.

The Swabbies refer to themselves as a Christian influence band, but not to be confused with what people recognize as a Christian band. Because of the bands' Christian orientation, it has stayed away from local bars, as the members do not want to be associated with the bar scene.

Willson said one of the main points the Swabbies try to make is

to have fun and keep it clean without drugs and alcohol getting involved.

This will mark the first time either band has played in the Maryville area. Since both originated in Kansas City, they both have played gigs in that area and the Swabbies have played in Christian coffeehouses and other Christian-related venues.

Willson checked local spots such as the Hangar and other area sites that have hosted concerts in the past, but after driving by the mini-golf course he learned the bands would be welcome to play there.

"We have been wanting to play up here for the last two years, and I had pretty much given up," Willson said. "Until I went by the mini-golf and learned they had a room."

The Swabbies are known for dressing up in pirate costumes and performing skits throughout the performance. Their performances are geared toward high school to college-age students, while giving the audience Christian values to take away with them in their songs.

Willson and Gary Robinett, members of the Swabbies who are both music majors at Northwest, have been able to get a lot of publicity to other music majors and friends from fraternities. The bands are expecting a crowd of 100 or



The Swabbies will join Dial 9 for a concert Saturday at Hole-in-One Entertainment in Maryville. The band, who has played together since seventh grade, incorporates skits and comedy routines into their concerts. Members include (clockwise from top left) Brice Willson, Ian Jennings, Dustin Dennis, Gary Robinett (middle) and Jason Blankenship.

more to show up.

"We really want high school students to come because we really want to come back and play during the summer when a lot of the college students are gone," Willson said.

Willson is looking for songs "Mermaid Girl" and "Big Collar" to be requested by fans because of the upbeat ska rhythm.

"I hope we can get a lot of people

there and kids who can listen to ska," Willson said. "I would really love to let people know what ska is."

Ska is based on upbeat, fast-paced rhythms. It relates to the upbeat of the guitar and the addition of horns such as the saxophone and trombone.

The Swabbies said the music will be beneficial to those who hear what their songs are saying, just as any other type of music does.

"Music by far is the ruler of all emotion and also the benefactor of the soul," Robinett said.

After the concert the Swabbies will be selling T-shirts for \$10 and compact discs for \$5.

For more information on the Swabbies or Dial 9, visit their Web sites www.theswabbies.com and www.dial9forpunk.com. For advanced tickets call the Hole-in-One Entertainment at 582-8884.

United Way thanks community with appreciation dinner

By MONICA CALDWELL
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

The local branch of the United Way will show their gratitude at an appreciation dinner Thursday night at the University Conference Center.

The United Way of Nodaway County has concluded its \$90,000 fundraiser and will recognize both student and community contributors at the dinner. Campaign cabinet members, board members, instrumental people in the fall fundraising campaign and agencies receiving funding will also be recog-

nized.

Area Boy Scout members will offer the color guard, while entertainment will be provided by local Girl Scouts leading patriotic music and the Nodaway County Community Theater reciting several theater pieces.

A celebration has been held every year since the United Way was established in Nodaway County, but the dinner has been at the Conference Center for the past few years.

Nineteen agencies receive aid through the Nodaway County

United Way, including organizations like the Nodaway County Senior Center, the Volunteer Action Center, the 4-H Council, the Northwest Missouri Chapter of the American Red Cross, Birthright of Maryville and the Salvation Army.

"There are a lot of agencies in the United Way community that get valuable financial aid assistance," said University Division Chair Nancy Baxter. "There are services they could not provide without United Way funding."

Other organizations receiving

funding include HELP (Health Emergency Lifeline Program), the Northwest Missouri Literacy Council, America's Second Harvest of Greater St. Joseph, the Family Guidance Center for Behavioral Healthcare and the Maryville Ministry Center.

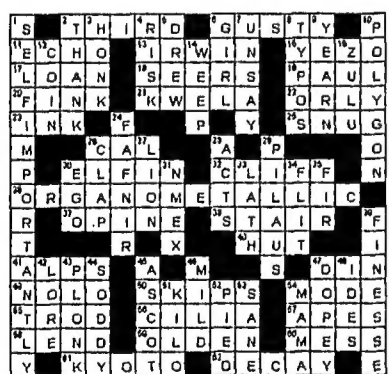
The United Way, founded nationally in Denver in 1887, has provided service to millions of people and agencies, and has been a stronghold through crises such as the Persian Gulf War, the Oklahoma City bombing and the Sept. 11 tragedy.

With national headquarters in Alexandria, Va., the United Way offers everything from daycare and youth development to disaster relief and shelter for the needy through fundraisers, donations and volunteer work.

In 2000 and 2001, national United Way annual campaigns reached the highest ever, stretching to \$4.7 billion to provide service to American and Canadian communities.

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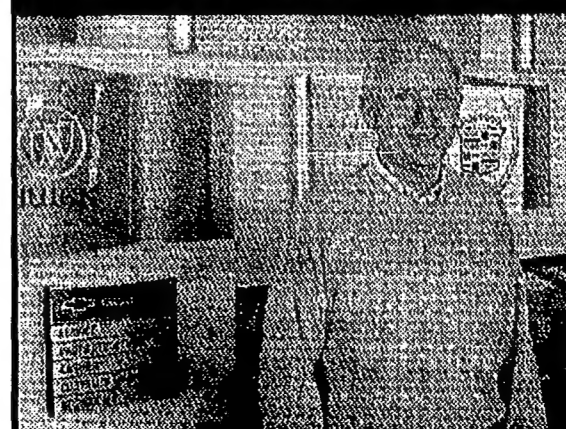
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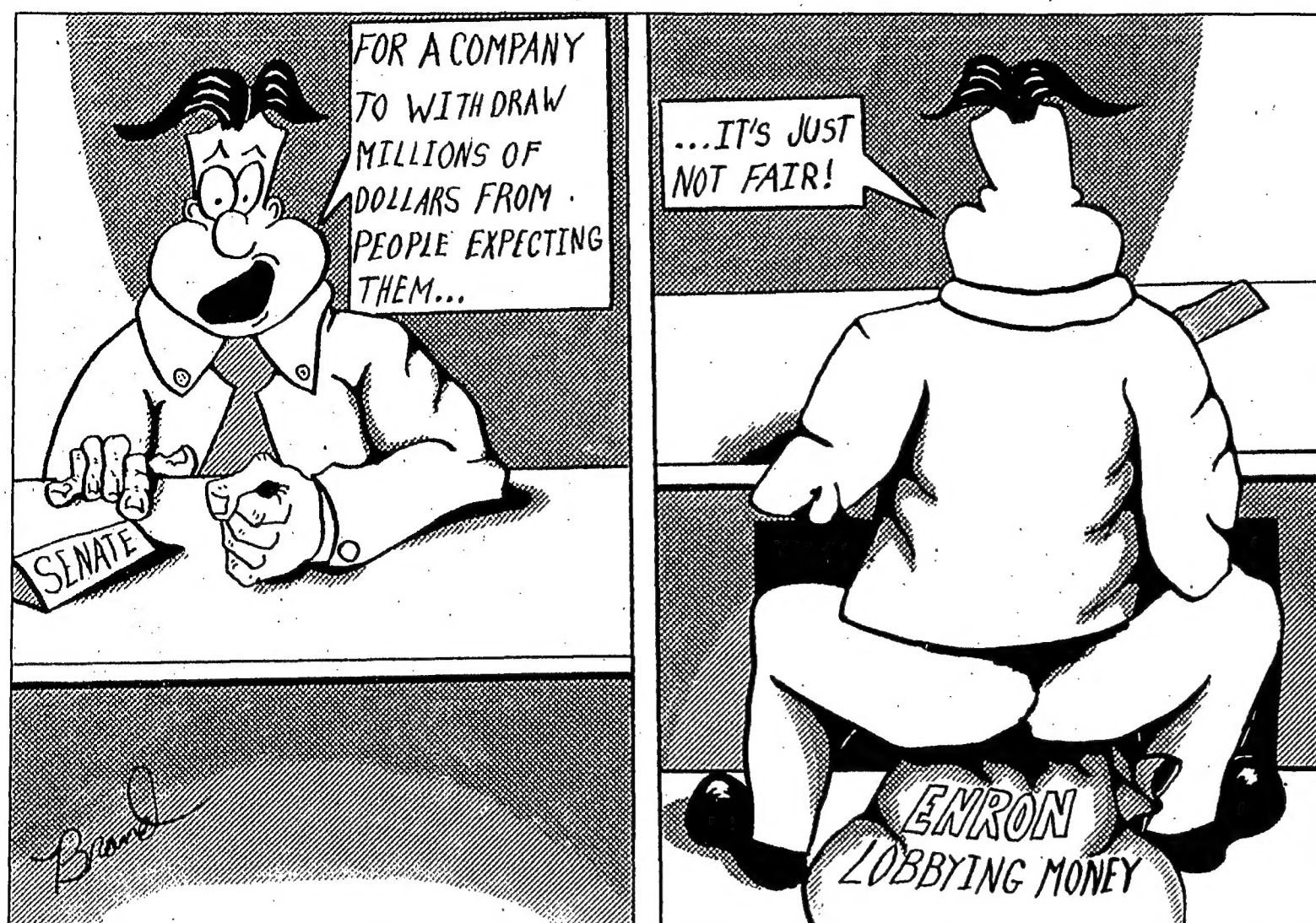
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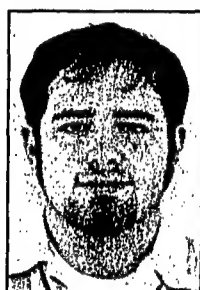
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THE FIRE THIS TIME

U.S. government funds terrorists



JED MURR
MISSOURIAN COLUMNIST

The new war against terrorism is well under way. Al-Qaeda is still the focus, but the next battle may target a little-known terrorist school in our own hemisphere. It's not as famous as al-Qaeda, but often as deadly. The school's honor roll reads like a who's who of dictators, drug lords and killers. It includes infamous international drug lord Manuel Noriega, who is now serving time in a Miami prison and his Panamanian predecessor Omar Torrijos, Argentinian murderer, kidnapper and drug-dealer Roberto Viola and Brigadier General Jaime Ernesto Canal Alban, a paramilitary leader known for executions, kidnapping, dismemberment and mutilation.

The school is heavily funded and equipped with some of the world's best technology. Fortunately, taking down this hotbed of terrorist breeding should not require deploying troops or covert operations, just some paperwork. Why? You and I pay for it. The school is in Georgia and is run by our government.

Since 1946 the School of the Americas (SOA) has been training thousands of elite Latin American soldiers at Fort Benning in Columbus, Ga. Its graduates have been involved in atrocities in South and Central America and their names repeatedly pop up in gruesome reports by the United Nations and human rights groups.

One of the smaller incidents on the

list of SOA atrocities took place in 1980 in El Salvador. The United States poured millions into a war that the U.N. Truth Commission called genocidal—thousands were dying monthly and bodies were piling up too quickly to be buried. A conservative clergyman, Archbishop Oscar Romero, had called for international intervention and written our leaders after seeing children murdered. His plea for peace and sanity was answered with assassin's bullets. Others were murdered simply for attending his funeral.

The school supporters claim that its work is important, especially in places like Colombia, in order to fight drugs. While Colombian SOA graduates have been implicated in the past few years for murders, massacres and kidnapping, less than 5 percent of them take the school's counter-narcotics course. In fact, more than half of those implicated in a human rights report on Colombia were SOA graduates.

The school claims its goals are democratic, but its own manuals suggest otherwise, as SOA Watch displays simply by providing the public with copies of the manuals themselves. SOA Watch is a citizen watch group that monitors the school's activities and works to shut it down. They have compiled thousands of documents that demonstrate the SOA's continual involvement in terrorist activities.

In addition, only five of 31 SOA courses are related to the school's proclaimed concerns of human rights, democracy and humanitarian issues and the vast majority of graduates don't take them.

In early 2001, the House of Representatives narrowly defeated bipartisan legislation that would have closed the SOA. Instead, under obvious pressure to change something, the school's name was changed to the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation (WHISC). According to SOA Watch, the name change was merely for appearances. A former Georgia senator (and SOA supporter) confirmed that assertion by referring to the change as simply "cosmetic." So, it's business as usual at Fort Benning, training future terrorists.

As he started the war against terrorism, President Bush asserted, "If any government sponsors ... outlaws and killers of innocents, they have become outlaws and murderers themselves."

We've clearly been the supplier of training and weapons to some of the world's worst outlaws. I'm sure our next step will be to remain true to those statements and close the WHISC before our world partners in the Coalition Against Terror turn against us.

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MY VIEW

Editor enjoys different weekend fun, proud of Patriots



BILL KNUST
ASSIGNMENT DIRECTOR

My weekends usually consist of about four things: sleeping, eating, watching sports and partying.

I value them in about that order, too. So, I was a little displeased to wake up at 7 a.m. Saturday and make the trek to Hopkins for a Special Olympics basketball tournament that my administration of physical education class organized.

At the beginning, things were not going well. I was late because I got lost. I had no clue where Hopkins was and as a consequence was a half hour late.

Once I got there, I had a good time. It was a better way to spend my Saturday than sleeping until noon, sitting around and eating food all day, watching television and then staying out until 2 a.m. the next morning.

Well, maybe not as good as that, but dang close. It was a good change of pace to see the joy on the athletes' faces when we said, "Let the games begin."

The players played for the fun of it. There was no pouting when the game was over because they did not win; they were out there to have fun.

When the athletes had fun, it made it a lot easier for the volunteers to have fun. It was an enjoyable experience for the people who helped put on the tournament and myself. I look forward to helping next year.

One of the most enjoyable things in the world of sports is accomplishing the impossible when no one gives you a chance.

All last week, the New England Pa-

triot were told they should not bother even showing up because the St. Louis Rams could not be beat.

Well, they proved the world wrong and showed what a unified group of exceptional athletes can do. Although, they probably should not have even been there, Brady fumbled against the Raiders and yes, I am still bitter about it, they were a team of destiny and I was glad to see a new team hold the Lombardi Trophy.

The Rams losing still amazes me. This team destroyed everyone in sight and was supposed to walk through the Patriots only to be stumped by the defensive genius known as Bill Belichick.

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YOUR VIEW

Would you support replacing long distance in residence halls with cell phones?



"I would support cell phones because college students need as many breaks as possible."

Ross Given
Chemistry major



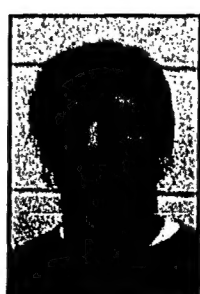
"I wouldn't support them because most people already have cell phones."

Derek Wenger
Business management major



"I don't know if I would or not. It depends on how much it costs."

John Bothof
Physics major



"I would support if it is a reasonable cost, and I would see a lot of students liking it."

Bryan O'Flynn
Accounting major

OUR VIEW

Media coverage

American media needs to be more concerned with the economy, war, not sensational stories

The press has once again slipped back into its usual routine with its coverage of the Noelle Bush fraud incident. In this time of economic turmoil and war, media have managed to find dirt on President George W. Bush, no matter how minuscule the connection.

Throughout the coverage, Noelle Bush is known as the president's 24-year-old niece with the prescription drug problem. She was arrested after trying to fill a fake prescription of the sedative Xanax. Her unflattering mug shot has been splashed on television screens and the Internet.

The problem with this coverage is that many media outlets lead into the story mentioning the president. It is often secondary at best if Noelle is referred to as Gov. Jeb Bush's daughter. This incident has been turned into nothing more than a sensationalized story. The American public has more things to worry about than the happenings of the president's nieces and nephews. By giving this trivial arrest air time and copy space, relevant news is overshadowed.

After searching only three different Web sites, 29 stories were found pertaining to or mentioning this incident. CNN, however, was the most impressive by only having one story about the incident, no photo of Noelle Bush and only referring to her as the president's niece in the last sentence of the article. CNN handled the situation as it should have been, not dramatized and blown out of proportion.

The problem is the media is going to continue to offer entertainment-based news as long as the public will eat it up. Sensational media coverage needs to stop and if media itself will not fix the problem than the public needs to. Pertinent news will not be delivered until as consumers, we start demanding more from the media.

Letter to the editor

Postings should not use social security numbers

Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) of 1974 is often cited to encourage faculty not to post scores or grades in association with social security numbers (SSN). As students appear to know scores and grades of a number of students, if not all, in a given class by sharing or other means, the question is will the privacy objective stated in the act ever be achieved? Although I fully support FERPA, I am rather deeply concerned about having SSN in association with a name for the following reason.

Crimes with fraudulent uses of SSN are on the rise all across America. These crimes cost Americans billions of dollars a year. A recent "Dateline" on NBC showed people selling stolen SSN for thousands of dollars. There is nothing you can find that does not require a SSN, from bank accounts, credit cards, driving license, insurance, mortgage, utilities, academics, social security benefits, to death benefits. It seems simple, easy and logical to use a single number, but overuse creates the avenue for crime opportunities. Although a single source for criminal uses of SSN cannot be identified, I would be scared if I knew that my SSN was being distributed in 336 roster sheets during the period of four college years. Each trimester, an instructor receives 7 roster sheets, which include the full SSN in association with a full name. Only one of these roster sheets will be used to turn in final grades to the registrar's office and most of these sheets will be lying scattered in the instructor's office or find a place in the paper trash. This is a perfect example of overuse of the SSN. There is no need to use the SSN in association with names in the roster sheets, in fact, we can eliminate the use of SSN in all campus activities.

Individual coding should begin with registration in the Registrar's office. Each registered student should receive a number like yy-mm-xxxx (year, m-month, x-four arbitrary numbers). This number is each student's identification number (IDN), and will be on each students' Bearcat ID card and be used in all University activities, instead of SSN. The SSN submitted during the registration will be kept secret and known only to the registrar and other offices that send official transcripts, W-2s or other documents that absolutely require a SSN as the sole identifier.

Implementation of IDN requires an additional search field in the existing program, so that the information can be retrieved using any of the fields: name, SSN and IDN. A new but minor programming change may be necessary to create automatic, randomized IDN generated instantly with registration, although assigning IDN can be done manually.

Use of a unique IDN system on campus will eliminate the overuse of SSN, and thus prevent the chance of becoming a source of any fraud, which will give students an additional sense of security. Although college campuses may not be the main source for criminal uses of SSN, nothing is guaranteed. It is always better to take precautionary measures before it happens. Moreover, faculty may use IDN or part of it to post scores to protect students' privacy. Introduction of the IDN system on campus will make Northwest a national leader in yet another arena, besides being a national leader in the electronic campus and conversion of waste into energy.

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THURSDAY

■ "Taking Control: Estate Planning for Everyone" class, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., Extension Center
 ■ **Diary of Anne Frank**, 7:30 p.m., Charles Johnson Theatre
 ■ **Distinguished Lecture: Pearl Duncan**, 8 p.m., Performing Arts Center
 ■ **Campus Crusade for Christ**, 9 p.m., Colden Hall 3500

MONDAY

■ **Alcoholics Anonymous meeting**, noon, Wesley Center
 ■ **Geo Club meeting**, 5:30 p.m., Garrett Strong 1290
 ■ **Fellowship of Christian Athletes**, 7 p.m., Wesley Center
 ■ **Eating Disorders Self-Help/Support Group meeting**, 8 p.m. to 9 p.m., Colden Hall 2630

FRIDAY

■ **Alpha Mu Gamma/Phi Sigma Iota Feast of Cultures**, 6 p.m., Student Union Ballroom
 ■ **Diary of Anne Frank**, 7:30 p.m., Charles Johnson Theatre

TUESDAY

■ **Lincoln's Birthday**
 ■ **Chinese New Year**

SATURDAY

■ **ACT Test**, 8 a.m., Colden Hall third floor
 ■ **Northwest Baseball Camp** for boys 13 and older. Cost is \$45. Contact Coach Read for details.
 ■ **Missouri Academy of Science, Mathematics and Computing Preview Day**, noon - 5 p.m.
 ■ **2002 Teen Conference**, Ramada Inn, Columbia

WEDNESDAY

■ **Ash Wednesday**
 ■ **Mock Interview Day**
 ■ **Nodaway County University Outreach and Extension Council Meeting**, 7:30 p.m., Courthouse Annex, Maryville
 ■ **Pre-law Society meeting**, 4 p.m., Colden Hall 3950
 ■ **Annie Get Your Gun**, 7:30 p.m., Mary Linn Auditorium

SUNDAY

■ **Northwest Baseball Camp** for boys 13 and older. Cost is \$45. Contact Coach Read for details.
 ■ **Bridal Show**, 2 p.m., Mary Linn Auditorium
 ■ **Open gym (students fifth grade and above)**, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., Maryville High School gym

THURSDAY

■ **Valentine's Day**
 ■ **Computer Science Olympiad**, University Conference Center
 ■ **Pre-med Club meeting**, 6 p.m., Garrett Strong 2520
 ■ **Alcoholics Anonymous meeting**, noon and 8 p.m., Wesley Center
 ■ **Campus Crusade for Christ**, 9 p.m., Colden Hall 3500

PUBLIC SAFETY

Jan. 27

■ An officer received a report from a Maryville female that she had been assaulted in the 2700 block of South Main. Camille J. Famous, 18, Jackson, Miss., was issued a summons for assault.

Jan. 30

■ An officer received a report from a Maryville female that a vehicle was parked blocking her driveway. Shell's Amoco towed the vehicle.

Jan. 31

■ An officer received a report from a Maryville male that his vehicle had been damaged.

■ An officer received a report from a Maryville male that a male juvenile had a tobacco product in the 1500 block of South Munn. The case is being referred to the Juvenile Office.

■ Mandi S. Richey, 23, Maryville, was traveling east in the 100 block of East Torrance. Brooke A. Hodge, 20, Maryville, was traveling south in the 800 block of South Market. Richey began to slide, sliding into the path of Hodge. Hodge attempted to stop and slid into Richey.

■ Randy Hanson, Maryville, was parked in a private parking lot in the 400 block of North Main. Joe Baumli, 47, Maryville, was attempting to park beside Hanson. Baumli slid on the ice and struck Hanson's vehicle.

■ Kevin J. Bradshaw, 17, Maryville, and Dixie McGary, 40, Maryville, were traveling south on North Market. McGary slowed for another vehicle. Bradshaw struck McGary's vehicle.

Feb. 1

■ An officer assisted Probation and Parole in serving a capias warrant on Brian P. Constable, 23, Pickering. He was transported to Nodaway County Jail where he was held in lieu of bond.

■ An officer received a report of a vehicle causing a traffic hazard in

the 800 block of East Third. Walker's towed the vehicle.

Feb. 2

■ While on patrol in the 500 block of North Main, an officer observed a vehicle with only one headlight. The vehicle was stopped in the 100 block of East Sixth. The driver of the vehicle was identified as Ryan M. Scroggins, 19, St. Joseph. While speaking with him an odor of intoxicants was detected. He was asked to perform some field sobriety tests, which he could not successfully complete. He was transported to St. Francis Hospital where a blood sample was drawn. He was then transported to Nodaway County Jail. He was also issued summonses for operating a motor vehicle with an inoperable headlight, possession of 35 grams or less of marijuana and minor in possession.

Feb. 3

■ While on patrol in the 400 block of North Buchanan, an officer observed a vehicle with expired registration. The vehicle was stopped in the 300 block of West Fifth. The driver of the vehicle was identified as Michelle R. Cunningham, 22, Maryville. While speaking with her an odor of intoxicants was detected. She was asked to perform some field sobriety tests, which she could not successfully complete. She was arrested for driving while intoxicated after her blood alcohol content tested over the legal limit. She was also issued a citation for improper registration.

■ An officer received a report from a Maryville male that someone had broke into his vehicle, taking CDs and his wallet while it was parked in the 100 block of North Davis.

■ While on patrol in the 100 block of South Main, an officer observed a vehicle with only one headlight. The vehicle was stopped in the 100 block of North Main. The driver of the vehicle was identified as Matthew L. Bethards, 21, Conception Junction. While speaking with him an odor of intoxicants was detected. He was asked to perform some field sobriety tests, which he could not successfully complete. He was is-

sued a summons for equipment violation.

Feb. 4

■ An officer received a report from a business in the 2000 block of South Main that someone had taken a statue from the entrance way.

■ An officer served a Maryville Municipal warrant on Brandi L. Adwell, 22, Ravenwood, for failure to appear. She was issued a summons for failure to appear and released after posting bond.

■ An officer observed a male individual known to be under 21 with what appeared to be a beer bottle in the 300 block of North Buchanan. Brad A. Sobotka, 19, Ravenwood, was issued a summons for minor in possession.

■ An officer received a report from Maryville male that a male juvenile had been caught stealing from another juvenile. The case is being forwarded to the Juvenile Office.

■ Matthew R. Diggs, 18, Maryville, and Jason D. Wilson, 21, Maryville, were traveling south on South Main. Wilson was stopped in traffic. Diggs struck Wilson's vehicle. Diggs was issued a summons for careless and imprudent driving.

Feb. 6

■ An officer served a Maryville municipal warrant on Leslie P. Knowles, 53, Maryville, for failure to appear. He was transported to the Nodaway County Sheriff's office where he is being held in lieu of bond.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

Jan. 14

■ A Maryville individual reported a theft from a building on his property.

Jan. 15

■ A Pickering individual reported property damage to property owned by the city of Pickering.

Jan. 20

■ Anthony L. Simpson, 17, was arrested for misdemeanor stealing

and littering.

■ Officers responded to a domestic call in Conception Junction. No arrests were made.

Jan. 21

■ An individual from Lenexa, Kan. reported a theft from a business in Maryville.

Jan. 23

■ A Skidmore individual reported property damage to a road sign.

Jan. 26

■ Kelly S. Petersen, 35, Maryville, was arrested for driving while intoxicated and resisting arrest. She was held on mandatory detox and then released on summonses.

■ A Maryville business reported a theft from their business.

■ A Maryville individual reported an assault. After investigation, Steve A. Lett, 43, Maryville, was arrested for domestic assault, third degree assault, violation of a protection order and property damage. He was later released on summonses.

■ A Parnell individual reported trespassing and a theft from her residence.

Jan. 27

■ Officers responded to a structure fire in Skidmore. The fire marshal is assisting in the investigation of the fire.

Jan. 28

■ Amy Renee Clark, 21, Maryville, was arrested for four counts of endangering the welfare of a child.

■ Officers responded to a domestic disturbance in Guilford.

■ Max E. Goacher, 29, Guilford, was arrested on a parole warrant.

Jan. 29

■ Shawna R. Strough, 21, Lenexa, Iowa, was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for possession of a chemical with intent to create a controlled substance and possession of ephedrine with intent to manufacture methamphetamine.

Party time



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Ritu Jain and Cory Collins from the Commodore Dance Club show participants at the Team Leadership Conference how to dance. They taught the hustle, swing and many other dances. During a multiculturalism meeting, leaders discussed involving members from various cultures in clubs.

Feb. 2

■ Rick D. Schluter, 33, Maryville, was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for passing bad checks.

■ Officers responded to a domestic disturbance in rural Maryville.

Feb. 3

■ A Quitman individual reported trespassing and stealing from her property in Quitman.

Feb. 5

■ Joshua D. Dockweiler, 24, Clarinda, Iowa, was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for stealing.

Ken and Betty Rickabaugh, DeSoto, Kan.

Paternal grandparents are Mona Dierenfeldt, Hopkins, and Robert Dierenfeldt, Grant City.

Maternal great-grandparents are Vivian Cruth, Arkoe, and Dorothy and Lavelle Rickabaugh, Maryville.

Paternal great-grandparent is Marie Dierenfeldt, King City.

DEATHS

Anita Joan Lewis

Anita Lewis, 50, Maryville, died Feb. 5 at her home in Maryville.

She was born July 21, 1951 to Harold and Mercedes Lager in Maryville.

She is survived by her husband, Galen; one daughter, Lisa Marie Schieber; one son, Brian Keller Lewis; her parents, Harry and Mercedes Lager; two brothers, Ed and Robert Lager; three sisters, Jean Marie Murray, Lori Hayden and Patty Trull; many nieces and nephews.

Services will be Feb. 8 at First United Methodist Church in Maryville. Burial will be at Oak Hill Cemetery in Maryville.

BIRTHS

Emily Nichole Dierenfeldt

Bobby and Dorothy Dierenfeldt, Barnard, are the parents of Emily Nichole, born Jan. 27 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

She weighed 5 pounds, 11 ounces and joins two siblings, Chris and Lacey.

Her maternal grandparents are May Cruth, Ravenwood, and

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ABOVE AND BEYOND FOR FACULTY, STAFF, STUDENTS

By ANN HARMAN
FEATURES EDITOR

Provost Taylor Barnes has always been family-oriented.

Upon entering his office, guests are instantly greeted with photographs of his 3-year-old granddaughter, Katy, and pictures of his wife, Maxine, and two daughters, Leslie and Kim. Naturally, when his own family needed someone close in his home state of Missouri, it was no wonder he decided to retire from the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo., to join the Northwest family.

"I just started searching for faculty positions in Missouri and got two opportunities at Northwest Missouri State and Southwest Missouri State," Barnes said. "I came here to Northwest and interviewed for the position over here in the geology/geography department. My wife and I came together and we liked it so well we took this one and cancelled the one at Southwest Missouri State."

Barnes began his educational career after completing his undergraduate work at the University of Missouri in Columbia.

He was also in the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Core and was commissioned as a second lieutenant upon graduation.

While on active duty, Barnes found time to get his doctorate in geography at the University of Illinois.

From there, he went to the Air Force where he spent most of his time as a department chair.

Barnes's background in service and education made him a primary candidate for the faculty position at Northwest in the geology/geography department. He quickly moved from faculty to department chair after one year of teaching.

After about two years of being the department chair, Barnes became the dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

When former provost Tim Gilmour resigned in the spring of 2001, Barnes expressed his interest in the position, applied and has been provost for nine months.

"I just thought it would provide another opportunity to serve our faculty, staff and students in a little different way than I was serving as

the dean of the College of Arts and Sciences," Barnes said. "I'm one that's always been service-oriented and so if there's an opportunity where I might be able to contribute, I would be interested in that and contributing in that area."

As provost, Barnes has a great responsibility to ensure that faculty members are on the cutting edge in providing the best learning experiences to students.

"The literature reflects that most college graduates will probably change jobs four to six times in a 30-year working career," Barnes said. "We can't really prepare them for the specifics of those jobs, but we can prepare them for the basis of skills in those areas."

While the job description of the provost may seem more administrative than physical, Barnes is genuinely interested in ensuring the safety and general well-being of the students, faculty and staff.

"I just truly love students and I love young people and I love the faculty and staff here," Barnes said. "It's just an honor to be able to serve our students at this capacity. I enjoy it tremendously."

Barnes said with Northwest coming off of two Missouri Quality awards, two national football championships and many different academic awards, it is a fun place to work.

He has no intentions of leaving in the near future, but he says he will know when that time comes.

"I'm having a great time and this university is a great place to play and when it's no longer fun is when it's time to hang it up for good," Barnes said. "A lot of good things are happening at Northwest. It'll be a hard place to leave."



Provost Taylor Barnes has always been a man of service, especially after spending 20 years in the Air Force. His worldly knowledge from traveling while on active duty has helped him recruit students from other countries. He displays several souvenirs on the book shelf in his office.

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Learning, safety main concerns for provost

By SARA SITZMAN
MANAGING EDITOR

When winter weather strikes, it is the call of one man that decides if classes should be cancelled, but he does not reach his decision alone.

Provost Taylor Barnes was faced with this decision last week when Maryville received its first winter storm of the season.

"In any period or situation of inclement weather my first and foremost priority is the safety and welfare of our students, faculty and staff," Barnes said. "That includes getting them to campus and getting them home from campus, whether they live in a residence hall, a few blocks from campus or farther away."

The responsibility Barnes said he faces is balancing safety with the opportunity to provide learning.

"I understand that Wednesday afternoon conditions were worsening, and I didn't take my responsibility lightly to ensure safety," Barnes said. "I looked at weather maps, talked to safety people."

Barnes said that since it was the fourth week of classes, students would be entering into a period of testing and assessment.

"I felt conditions had not deteriorated to the point where anyone's safety was jeopardized," Barnes said.

To stay up-to-date on weather

conditions, Barnes walked through campus, drove in the community and checked to see that campus streets were clear.

"Although classes proceeded as normal, everyone should use their own judgement on whether they feel it's safe to come to class," Barnes said.

No feedback was given that indicated classes were poorly attended, Barnes said. While some students walked or drove to class, one student was surprised to have the provost chauffeur him.

Sociology major Joe Russel called Barnes Wednesday to inquire why evening classes were not cancelled. Russel felt they should have been, because he was unable to make it to campus. After the conversation, Barnes decided to drive to Russel's house and offered him a ride to class.

"It was strange but I accepted his offer," Russel said. "He took me to class and picked me up from class. I was surprised and a little embarrassed. It was really nice of him to show that he cared. He didn't have to do that by any means."

Wednesday night through Thursday Barnes was monitoring weather conditions and the progress of the Environmental Services snow removal crew.

Lezlee Johnson, associate director of Environmental Services, said that two crews help with snow removal, one working on streets and parking lots and the other on sidewalks.

"We knew the snow was coming," Johnson said. "We anticipate weather as best we can."

Crews continued working through Wednesday night and began as early as 3 a.m. Thursday, Johnson said. The first priority for snow removal is the sidewalks from residence halls to the Student Union, campus streets, commuter parking lots and faculty parking lots. Residence hall parking lots are last on the list, because these students are already on campus, Johnson said.

"I think folks found once they got to campus they could get around pretty well," Johnson said.

Some areas of campus such as the modular units and the Fine Arts Building were not as clear as they should have been, Barnes said, and those areas will be improved next time.

The University was also notified that some faculty would not be able to make it to campus Thursday morning.

"I apologized to students who came to their 8 o'clock classes and found no instructor to be there," Barnes said. "From the reports I received from my college deans, those instances were rare and were only a very small percentage of almost 100 classes that we offered at 8 and 9 Thursday morning."

Barnes said he was proud of the faculty for continuing with business as usual.

"It's a tough decision, and it's one that I take really seriously," Barnes said.

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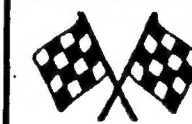
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Northwest women's basketball

Bearcats upset No. 2-rated Western

By JUSTIN BUSH
SPORTS EDITOR

The Northwest women's basketball team headed to Kirksville Wednesday night to take on the Truman State Bulldogs.

The 'Cats started out the first half slow before going on 19-2 run to go into the locker room at the half with a 31-26 lead.

Northwest played strong defense in the second half while only committing nine fouls in the half.

The 'Cats held on for the 71-62 victory.

Bearcat Arena was packed to full capacity Monday night when the Northwest women's basketball team squared off to battle against their biggest conference rivals and the No. 2 team in the nation, the Missouri Western Griffins.

The 'Cats maintained a steady lead, going into the locker room at the half with a 31-24 lead. Missouri Western came out strong in the second half. They started an 11-0 run to take a four-point lead over the 'Cats.

A three-pointer by senior Dena McMullen and a jumper by sophomore Tanesha Fields gave the lead back to the 'Cats.

For the next several minutes the score teetered between a Mo. West lead and a tie game.

The 'Cats trailed by two with 3:36 left in regulation, before Fields hit two from the charity stripe to tie the game at 60 with 2:46 remaining.

Mo. West hit a three-pointer to put them back on top. The 'Cats answered back with a layup by sophomore Brooke Hogue.

The Northwest crowd roared when the 'Cats got the ball back with less than 45 seconds left to play.

The 'Cats were looking to run down

the clock, before McMullen saw Fields with an open lane. Fields drove to the bucket and scored. The 'Cats pulled off the upset beating Missouri Western 64-63.

"We got really tough on defense and never lost our focus," Fields said. "We really needed a game like this. I really think that everyone overlooked us."

Saturday afternoon the 'Cats traveled to Pittsburg, Kan., to try and cage the Gorillas.

The 'Cats started out with a 9-2 run early on in the game to take a seven-point lead.

The Gorillas fought back, outscoring the 'Cats 20-10 in the last 10 minutes of the half, to give them a four-point lead going into the half.

The Gorillas came out in the second half and went on a 15-4 run that put the 'Cats away. Pitt State cruised to a 67-54 victory.

The lady 'Cats faced conference opponents the Emporia State Hornets Jan. 31 at Bearcat arena. Northwest went into the half with a five-point lead.

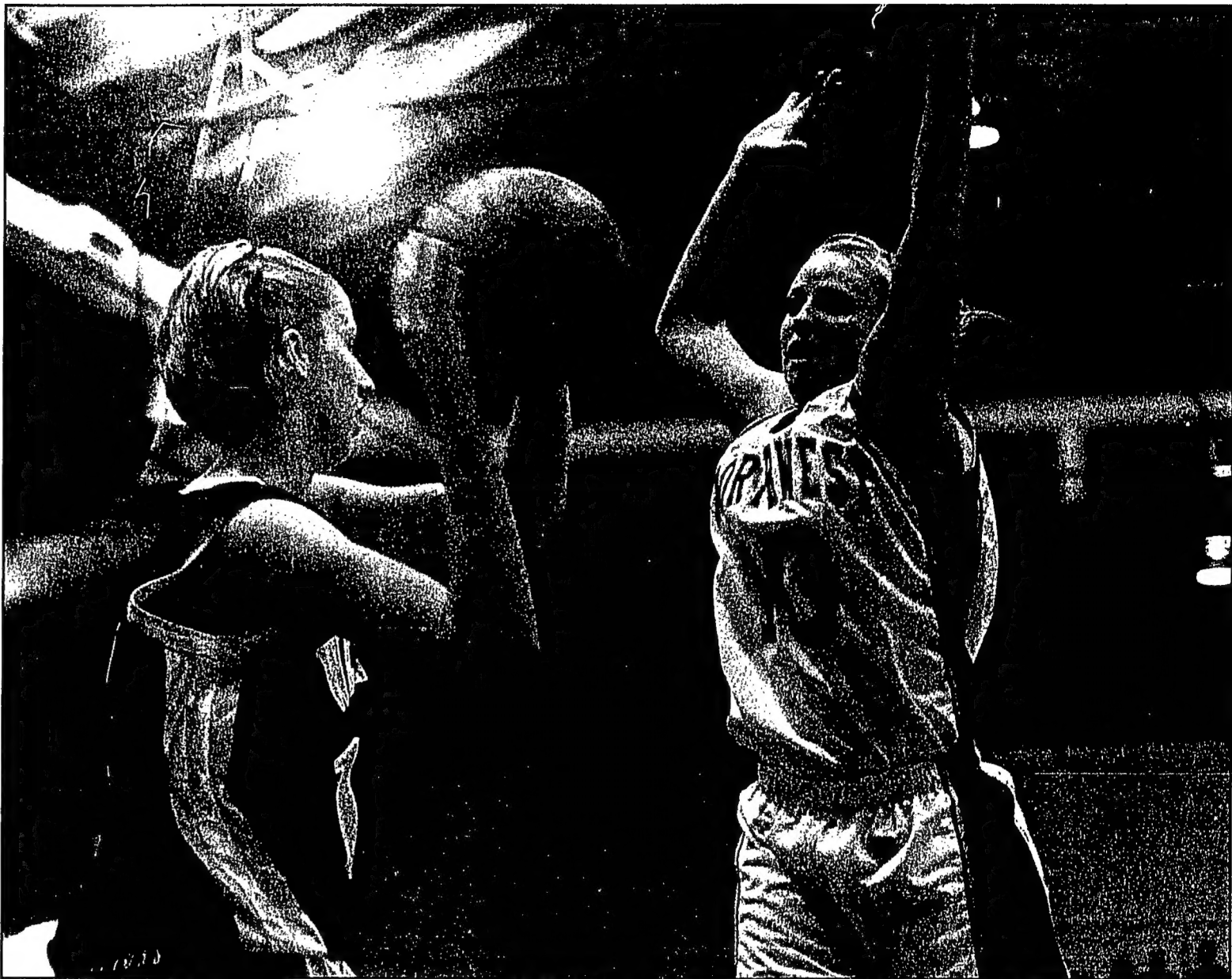
The Hornets started the second half with a 16-2 run over the 'Cats during the first seven minutes to give them a 46-37 lead.

The 'Cats looked as though they would be able to overcome their second half jinx when junior Jennifer Gries hit a field goal with 7:07 remaining to bring the 'Cats to within three.

That was as close as the 'Cats would get though as the Hornets went on to a 76-51 victory.

The 'Cats are in action again Saturday at Missouri Southern State College when they square off against the Missouri Southern Lions.

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Northwest senior point guard Dena McMullen tries to prevent Missouri Western forward Krista Small from making an outlet pass in Monday's 63-62 win over

the Griffins. McMullen scored 12 points and had a team-high nine assists in the upset victory. The victory was the 'Cats' first win over Western since 1997.

Northwest football

'Cats shore up defense, line

By BILL KNUST
ASSIGNMENT DIRECTOR

With last year's 7-4 record and a third-place finish in conference play behind them, head coach Mel Tjeerdsma and the Northwest football team have signed 22 recruits this year.

Comprised mainly of linemen on both sides of the ball and defensive backs, Tjeerdsma was proud of the job his staff did.

"We really stayed with our plan and addressed our needs that we have as far as this year is concerned," Tjeerdsma said. "If you look, defensive and offensive linemen and defensive backs make up all but five of our recruits. We stayed with what we needed to accomplish."

Tjeerdsma said there are a few athletes that could come in and see immediate playing time in the defensive backfield or offensive and defensive line.

"Diezeas Calbert out of Creighton Prep (Neb.) is a possibility," Tjeerdsma said. "He could possibly play as a freshman because of the situation in our secondary. We think Darrell Clark (Springfield, Mo.) could play. Josh Drewes is an offensive lineman out of Rock Rapids, Iowa, that from a physical sense is probably the most ready freshman we have ever had, as far as physicalness."

"Ben Harness is a strong safety that comes from a great program in Jefferson City. He is an outstanding player and, like I said, because of our secondary situation he might have a chance. Oscar Roberts is really a great prospect out of Kansas City, Mo., that can help us. He runs extremely well and we think because of some needs in the defensive line he may get a shot."

The Bearcats also found a local prospect with Maryville wide receiver Paul Otte.

"He is a very hard worker and very committed," Tjeerdsma said.

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2002 RECRUITS

Player	Position	Hgt/Wgt	Hometown
Joah Beagley	OL	6-2, 290	Springfield, Mo.
Kurt Bertels	DL	6-2, 215	Dorsey, Ill.
Diezeas Calbert	CB	5-8, 165	Omaha, Neb.
Cody Campbell	OL	6-4, 260	Thornburg, Iowa
Darrell Clark	CB	5-9, 170	Springfield, Mo.
Bill Conrey	OL	6-3, 310	St. Charles, Mo.
Josh Drewes	OL	6-3, 315	Rock Rapids, Iowa
Gabe Frank	OL	6-3, 310	St. Louis
Gerrad Good	OL	6-5, 265	McClelland, Iowa
Ben Harness	LB	6-1, 190	Jefferson City, Mo.
Joe Holtzclaw	OL	6-1, 280	Sedalia, Mo.
Andrew Hutson	DL	6-3, 295	St. Louis
Tyler Martin	DB	6, 170	Bendena, Kan.
Justin Mikels	DL	6-2, 260	Knoxville, Iowa
Scott Provaznik	FB	5-9, 220	Fenton, Mo.
Paul Otte	WR	5-10, 170	Maryville, Mo.
Oscar Roberts	DT	6-3, 280	Kansas City, Mo.
Zach Sherman	RB	5-8, 190	Platte County, Mo.
Ezra Smith	CB	5-11, 170	Grandview, Mo.
T.J. Tobin	WR/S	6-1, 180	Jacksonville, Ill.
Ryan Walters	DE	6-3, 235	Independence, Mo.
Daniel Watkins	PK	5-10, 170	Blue Springs, Mo.



Northwest senior forward Chris Borchers goes up for a layup in Monday's 64-59 defeat to Missouri Western. The loss was the 'Cats' first of the year and moved their record to 19-1.

Northwest men's basketball

Unbeaten run ends at 19 with loss to rival Griffins

By JUSTIN BUSH
SPORTS EDITOR

The house was packed and the band was jamming Monday night at Bearcat Arena when the Northwest men's basketball team put their undefeated record on the line against the Missouri Western State College Griffins.

The 'Cats started the game with an 8-0 run, before the Griffins later went on a 14-0 run of their own to take a 26-17 lead.

The Griffins came out in the second half and extended their lead to 17 and Northwest found themselves in unfamiliar territory as they spent their time trying to play catch up.

Junior Scott Fleming hit a jumper with 1:08 left in regulation to cut the Griffins lead to three and the 'Cats could never take it back.

The Griffins hit two free throws with seven seconds remaining to take the victory 64-59 as well as end the 'Cats' unblemished record.

The loss might of been a wake-up call for the team, but there is never a good time to lose a game according to sophomore Kelvin Parker.

"A loss is never good," said Parker. "But it is good that it happened in midseason. We still have a lot of time to recover from this. Better now than at the end of the season."

The 'Cats traveled to Pittsburg, Kan.,

Saturday afternoon to take on the Gorillas of Pittsburg State.

The Gorillas enjoyed a six-point lead with 3:40 to go in the contest.

Northwest took the lead for good with 1:29 on a free throw by Kelvin Parker. The 'Cats connected with 14 consecutive free throws to keep their winning streak intact, as they defeated Pittsburg State 90-81.

The 'Cats went into the half holding on to a 14-point lead. A defensive let-down in the second half allowed the Hornets to cut the lead to six. Emporia could not stay out of foul trouble however, they committed a total of 36 personal fouls that left all but five players fouled out at the end of the game.

The 'Cats were able to capitalize at the charity stripe to earn the victory.

Junior Scott Fleming needed only four points going into Thursday night's contest against Emporia State to become the 12th player in Northwest history to reach the 1,000 point plateau. Fleming hit an outside three in the first half to reach the milestone.

Wednesday night the 'Cats traveled to Kirksville to take on the Truman State Bulldogs.

Results of Wednesday night's game were unavailable at press time but can be read at www.missourianonline.com. Justin Bush can be contacted at 562-1224 or jbush@missourianonline.com

Maryville boys' basketball

'Hounds beat Pirates, prepare for Cardinals

By ASHLEE ERWIN
CONTRIBUTING REPORTER

Last week's winter barrage may have slowed the road through the Midland Empire Conference schedule, but this week is full speed ahead for the Maryville boys' basketball team.

The 'Hounds, 15-7 overall and 1-3 in the MEC, face St. Joseph Benton Friday, their last stop in this week's three-game conference challenge.

After Monday's overtime loss to Chillicothe and a home win Tuesday in a rescheduled game vs. Platte Co., head coach Mike Kuwitsky said taking the challenge in stride is key.

"It's that time of year when we have to expect that, so I'm going to have to try to cut back on practice time and save the legs a little bit," Kuwitsky said after Tuesday's 59-47 win. "But tonight's game, winning like this, gives us a little bit more of an allowance so we won't have to work maybe quite as hard."

The 'Hounds look to carry the momentum from the Platte Co. win to Benton Friday. Even though Maryville

beat the Cardinals at home earlier this season, senior Ross Hullinger said it will be a whole new ballgame.

"They're a good, talented team and they've got a lot of really good athletes," Hullinger said. "We're playing at their house this time and it might be a whole different turnaround than when we played them here."

Tip-off is 8 p.m. Friday at Benton.

A strong offensive effort Tuesday led the 'Hounds to a 59-47 win over Platte Co.

"The last few games, our philosophy has changed because we want to be more patient on offense," Kuwitsky said. "Now we're setting it up more, working for a good shot, getting a higher percentage shot."

Hullinger led all scorers with 15 points, much to the credit of his team.

"I had Joey (Wilmes) hitting me with a lot of good passes," Hullinger said. "It was basically me trying to get open and my team seeing me."

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Maryville girls' basketball

Benton Cardinals next team Maryville tries to defeat in MEC

By TRISHA THOMPSON
COPY EDITOR

The 'Hounds notched a much-needed 38-33 conference win Tuesday night over the Chillicothe Hornets.

"The girls really needed this win," head coach Randall Cook said. "They worked really hard for it. Hopefully this will get us going for the last four games of the season."

Neither team put up much of a fight during the first half of play, going into the locker room at half with the Hornets leading 11-10.

The third quarter, however, was all 'Hounds, as they outscored the Hornets 9-4.

"We started to move the ball a lot better and started hitting a lot better," Cook said.

Third quarter action left the 'Hounds ahead 19-15 and the final quarter solidified a 'Hounds victory, bringing their record to 11-10 on the

season and 1-2 in conference.

The 'Hounds will have to take on three conference opponents next week, including the Benton Cardinals at 8 p.m. Thursday at home.

Cook said the Cardinals will most likely prove to be a highly-defensive battle, because of the Cardinals ability to switch and adapt to different defenses with ease.

"It's going to be tough to score," he said. "Whoever gets baskets ... Some easy baskets off rebounds might be our advantage."

The 'Hounds will also have to face Smithville and Cameron in back-to-back conference games.

Because of inclement weather the Smithville game was rescheduled.

The 'Hounds will face another conference foe at 8 p.m. Monday in Cameron.

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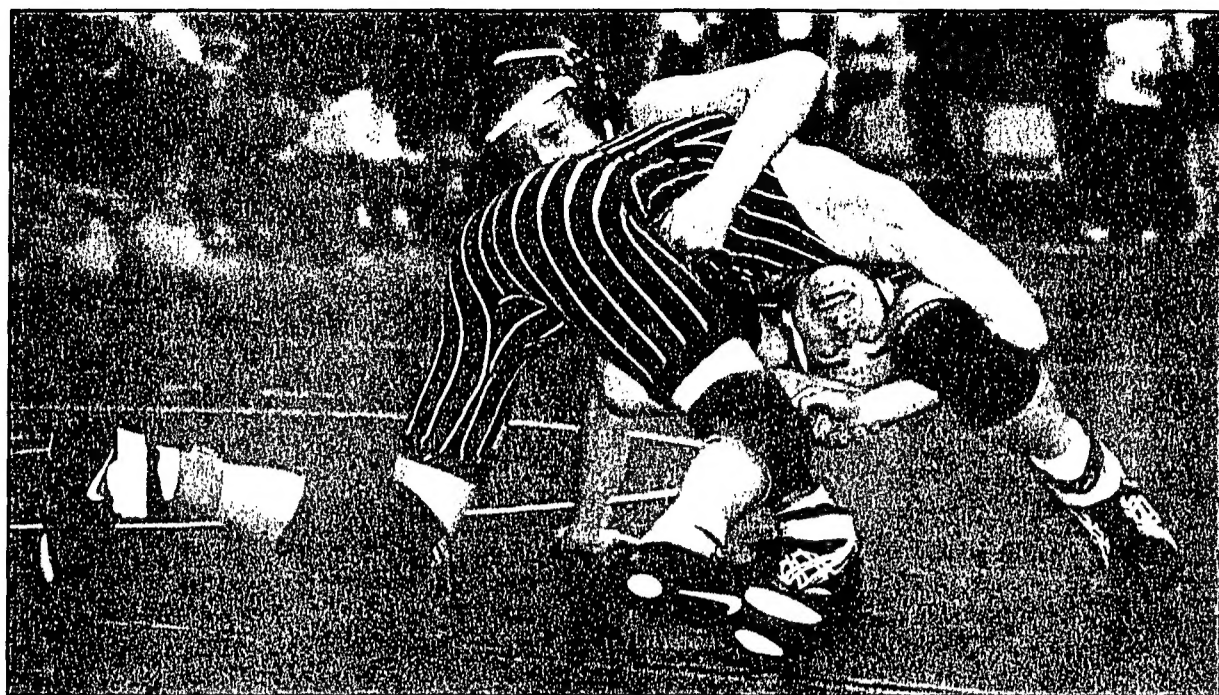


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Maryville wrestler Justin Driskell goes for a double leg takedown against Albany High School wrestler Mike Tyson. The 'Hounds placed second in their district and had 12 wrestlers advance to Saturday's sectional tournament at Maryville High School.

Maryville wrestling

'Hounds prepare for sectional meet

By MATT KENNEDY
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Twelve 'Hound wrestlers have managed to survive the District Eight Tournament and are now preparing for sectionals and a chance to go to state.

The sectional tournament, beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday in Maryville, pits the top four finishers in each weight class from districts seven and eight against each other. The top four finishers in each weight class in sectionals get a trip to Columbia to participate in the state tournament.

The road to state is not an easy one

because in sectionals the 'Hounds will face the best of two districts. A total of 18 schools will be represented.

The 'Hounds are preparing for this next step toward the state tournament by focusing on the wrestlers who will be competing Saturday.

"The basic parts of practice aren't going to change, but now we're going to focus more on the 12 individuals that are left instead of the whole team," head coach Joe Drake said.

The Maryville wrestlers moving on to post-season action earned this privilege Feb. 2 at the District Eight Tournament.

Junior Derek Merrill was the only Maryville wrestler to take first in his class, while freshman Justin Driskell, sophomore Eric Wilmarth and seniors CJ Messner and Jake Lancaster took second.

Taking the bronze were freshmen Mike Jelavich, Skyler Vandiver and Colby Chesnut and sophomore Joseph Drake. Freshmen Dan Blair and Jason Bernal and junior Evan Durfee each took fourth.

The 'Hound squad took second in the tournament as a team, falling only 14 points behind first-place Gallatin.

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Northwest indoor track & field

Track teams perform well at Jayhawk Invitational meet

By CHRISTOPHER THOMAS
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Northwest shot-putters continue to perform exceptionally as they once again placed first in both the men and women's competition.

For the second week in a row, sophomore Conrad Woolsey and junior Sara Wolff won the shot put at the Jayhawk Invitational in Lawrence, Kan. Wolff tossed for a distance of 42 feet, 6 3/4 inches and Woolsey tossed for a distance of 56-0.

The Bearcat men won two other events at the Jayhawk Invitational. Junior Joel Terry won the 60-meter hurdles for the third week in a row, with a time of 8.35 seconds, and the 'Cats 4x800 relay which was ran in a time of 8:02.66.

Other top-10 finishes by the men were by junior Travis Mason and

freshman Jamaica Rector in the triple jump, Rector in the long jump, sophomores Dan McKim and Clint Prange in the weight throw, junior Kyle Keraus in the 800-meter run, freshman Jack Libentritt in the 400-meter run and the distance medley event.

Rector finished third in both events with a leap of 22-3 in the long and 47-2 1/2 in the triple. Mason placed sixth with a leap of 45-1 1/2, Keraus ran for a time of 1:55.20 and Libentritt's time of 50.37 seconds placed him sixth. Prange's heave of 52-8 earned him fourth place while McKim's toss for 52-0 placed him fifth and the men placed third in the distance medley with a time of 10:51.24.

The Bearcat women took another event at the Jayhawk Invitational.

Freshman Ashley Grosse ran past her competition in the mile with a time of 5:50.37 for her first victory of the indoor season.

After experiencing the toughest challenge of the indoor track season yet, there is still a lot of preparation for the conference meet, which will be coming up in a few weeks.

"Right now, we still have quite a bit to go," Wooton said. "I'm not sure that we can be completely ready. But we definitely need to step it up. We're making strides and that's all we can do is just keep improving every week."

The 'Cats next challenge is at the Indoor Mules Relay starting at 5 p.m. Friday at Central Missouri State University in Warrensburg.

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Northwest football

'Cats may play at Arrowhead next season

By JUSTIN BUSH
SPORTS EDITOR

From Rickenbrode to Arrowhead stadium? It is certainly a possibility for next season, according to athletic director Bob Boerightner.

"We are working on that deal," Boerightner said. "We will not make any formal announcement on our football schedule until April."

The main reason for the change of venue is the limited seating that is going to be available.

"We are going to have limited

seating because of the stadium construction," Boerightner said. "The initial schedule had us playing Pitt State on Homecoming. There was no way that we would be able to accommodate the crowd. Not with the Pitt State game and Homecoming on the same weekend. So Homecoming has been moved until Nov 2."

Not only will the game at Arrowhead bring exposure to the University, but it will provide the football program with extra revenue.

Agreements have been made and the University has a scheduled date reserved, but no formal contract has been officially signed yet.

"On Oct. 17 we do have it reserved for us at the moment," Boerightner said. "We will not make a formal announcement on that until April because we don't have the contract signed and we have to wait for the NFL schedule to be finalized."

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Maryville wrestling			Sectional tournament 10 a.m.				

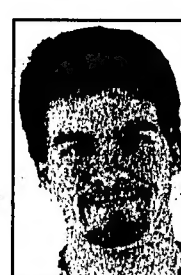
Showing support for American athletes

I am afraid that my studies are about to suffer. They are hard enough to keep up with now, with the time the rest of the Missourian staff and I spend putting out a quality publication. But now the Olympic games are about to start.

Every two years I eagerly await the start of the winter or summer games. It is not like the Super Bowl or the World Series that happen every year. These events only occur once every four years and athletes do not win by beating the best competition in the country, but the world.

I have been surprised at the lack of attention that this year's winter Olympics have received. I understand that with our nation's economy in a recession and the events of Sept. 11 there seems to be more important things to worry about.

The Olympics only come once every four years and this year they are being hosted in America. With the difficult times that our nation has endured over the past six months, it would be a great sign to the world to show we are not going to let anything bring us down. Americans should take pride in the fact that we are going to have the world's eye on us. Not to see



JUSTIN BUSH
SPORTS EDITOR

what country we are going to invade next, but for the Olympics, something that is supposed to stand as a sign of peace.

For decades, nations have put their differences aside, if only for a few weeks, to watch the world's greatest athletes come together to compete.

These athletes put their lives on hold for years, building for the one moment they can demonstrate their skills on a world stage, every one of them fighting for a gold medal and their right to be called the world's best.

I realize that the winter games do not have the popularity of the summer games.

The events are not as often viewed by most of the public and there are not as many countries competing, but that is part of what makes them so exciting. You get to see something new and learn about new sports.

When you are watching, you can almost feel the speed and exhilaration of the bobsledders. Every time I have watched the ski jump I have held my breath, wondering how those guys could have the guts to jump 100 feet down the side of a mountain.

Not only is America represented on the world stage, but also some of

our very own Bearcats. Senior Matt Abele carried the torch that holds the flame that will be burning brightly in Salt Lake City. Sports Information Director Andy Seely will be monitoring the exchange zone in the speed skating contest as well as handling media relations at the opening and closing ceremonies.

After Sept. 11 people talked about one nation, not as blacks, whites, Republicans or Democrats, but as Americans. The Olympics should be a time that keeps Americans from segregation. It does not matter what religion, sex or race you are. Everyone should be interested in one thing and that is supporting our nation and cheering for the athletes that have worked so hard to represent it to the world.

So I pose a challenge to every American, especially my fellow students. If you are just sitting around your dorm rooms or apartments with your friends, turn your television sets to the games, even if you only do it one day. Let's cheer on our American athletes. They have worked hard and deserve our support. You just might learn something about another sport or culture that you did not know before. Who knows? You might just find out that you actually enjoy watching the games.

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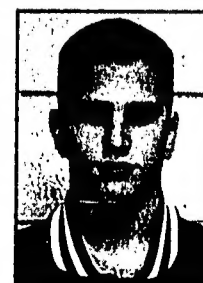
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Tanesha Fields

Fields, a sophomore guard, finished with 11 points and 11 rebounds in Monday's win over No. 2 ranked Missouri Western. Fields hit the game-winner with 4 seconds to go.

Merrill was the only 'Hound wrestler to win his weight class at the district tournament on Saturday. he will compete in sectionals this Saturday at Maryville High School



Derek Merrill

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Stroller investigates salaries

It cracks me up that in these days of budget cuts and tuition increases the management has no idea what patrons of this institution are really here for.

The last time I checked most of us are here for two reasons. One, to learn and further our education to better position ourselves in this world. Two, to instruct and teach those willing to pay a great sum of money and time to learning more about particular aspects of life.

But a disturbing trend has popped up in universities across this great money-crunching country of ours. Academia gets cut and athletics get raised.

Here is my point. I was thumbing through the recent edition of the Official Manual of the State of Missouri, which lists the budgets and salaries of all government agencies in the state, including the salaries of all our esteemed professors. Being the nosy and curious type, I decided to check on the salaries of a few prominent figures around this campus. I won't go so far as to name them, but if you are interested, I encourage you to look into this yourself. The book is available in the library.

I noticed that when I compared the salaries of several Ph.D.-holding faculty, they seem to be making between \$35,000 and \$40,000 a year on the average. But then I looked at



THE STROLLER

a few other salaries of some faculty that are also known as coaches and they seem to double in amount and, in some cases triple. I found it funny that out of the two highest paid people on campus, only one is in management.

I guess I am just upset that this world has become so narrow-sighted that we won't pay those people who spend their time and life furthering the education of all the future leaders of this country. But we will overpay the people that help entertain us with extracurricular activities that in most cases do not lead to a profession. Then, when it is time to start cutting money we see that some educational facilities are falling apart. But on the other hand, there always seems to be enough money to rebuild a stadium that is only used once a week by less than one-third of the student popula-

tion.

Come on; let's get our priorities straight around here. In fact, since this column reaches those outside this small town, I will repeat the same message. Our teachers, who are becoming more like our second parents, are paid a minimal salary. We, as a society, want the best education for our children and for ourselves but refuse to accept that extracurricular activities sometimes have to be sacrificed.

I'm not anti-coach or even anti-extracurricular activity; I think they play an important role in our society but I don't believe that it justifies paying them so much more than any other instructor position. Other teachers spend just as much time with their students as coaches do with their players and they aren't paid much.

I guess the moral of this story is that maybe the administration ought to look at their priorities when they start cutting funds this year and realize that it is because of education that people are here, not anything else. Champions look good but without those successful alumni (who made their money with their education) a lot of this campus and its activities wouldn't be here.

The Stroller has been a tradition since 1918 and does not reflect the views of The Northwest Missourian.

ENTERTAINMENT REVIEWS

'A Beautiful Mind' movie does justice to novel

By **ABBY SIMONS**
COMMUNITY NEWS EDITOR

Only a year after taking home an Oscar for his performance as Maximus in the blockbuster film "Gladiator," Russell Crowe has wowed critics once again, this time for his eerily accurate portrayal of schizophrenic Nobel Prize-winning mathematician John Forbes Nash Jr. in the film "A Beautiful Mind," now in theaters.

The film, loosely based on Sylvia Nasar's biography of Nash of the same title, documents the extraordinary story of the eccentric Nash, his outstanding achievements in the field of mathematics, his social struggles and his painful descent in and out of madness.

Crowe, who has always steadily maintained his credibility as an actor by taking difficult and risky roles, hits the mark again as Nash. Crowe dem-

onstrates to viewers the pain, genius and confusion going through Nash's mind as he struggles through life from his socially awkward days at Princeton until his recognition for the Nobel Prize in 1994. Crowe's physical acting is outstanding, particularly for his shuffling walk, nervous tics and repetitive movements characteristic of those suffering from schizophrenia. Crowe's ability to demonstrate the devastating effects of mental illness may only be comparable to that of Dustin Hoffman's portrayal of the autistic Ray Babbitt in "Rainman."

Jennifer Connelly is also outstanding as Nash's wife, Alicia. Connelly, who has also established film credibility, most notably in Darren Aronofsky's visual stunner "Requiem for a Dream," demonstrates the pain and heartbreak from the results of mental illness just as convincingly as Crowe.

Also giving a top-rate performance

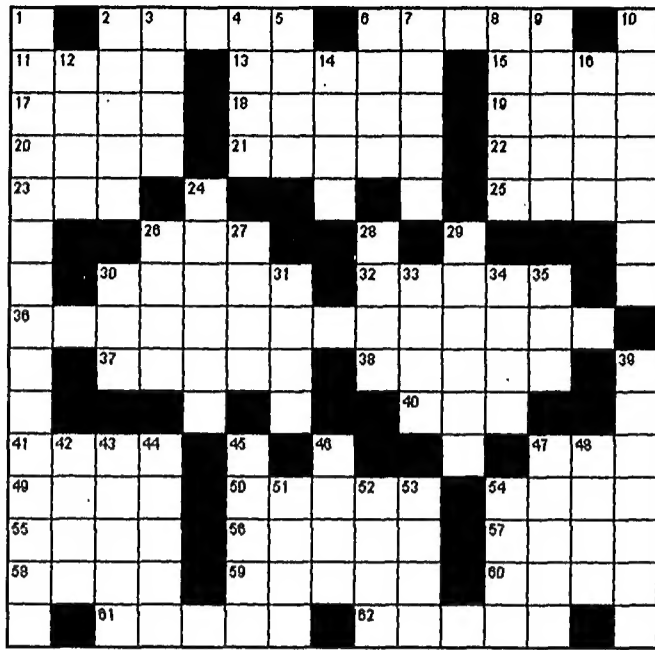
is Ed Harris as Parcher, a mysterious agent who recruits Nash to break top-secret mathematical codes. Harris is also his usual enigmatic best as the typical mysterious man-in-black who ultimately leads Nash to his breakdown.

The film, directed by Ron Howard, includes amazing makeup work for the numerous characters, particularly Crowe as the aged Nash, as well as simple special effects that do wonders in demonstrating exactly what is going through Nash's mind.

Although the film leaves out a few important details from Nasar's novel, such as an illegitimate son born to Nash from a mistress as well as Nash's entire family history, "A Beautiful Mind" is altogether a stirring portrayal of just how fine the line between genius and madness is.

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WEEKLY CROSSWORD



Across

2. Tertiary
6. Blowing in bursts
11. Repetition of sound
13. Wallace and William _____
15. Hokkaido's former name
17. Word borrowed from another language
18. Prophets
19. Apostle of the Gentiles
20. An informer
21. South African dance music
22. Parisian air-

port

23. Cuttlefish
25. Fitting closely
26. Unit of heat
30. Small and delicate
32. High rockface
36. Pertaining to a chemical compound containing a metal and carbon
37. Express opinions
38. One of a series of steps
40. Humble dwelling
41. Peaks
47. Cacophony

Down

1. Haughtily (4-11)
2. Show appreciation
3. Cry of a goose
4. Danger
5. Pulled
6. Little lady
7. Retract
8. Literals
9. Long
10. Closed plane figure
12. Money
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Answers can be found on page 3A

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Feb. 20 *Lil'Brian*
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Feb. 22 *Kutless*
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Feb. 8-10 *Arlo Guthrie*
Orpheum Theatre

Feb. 10 *The Wallers*
Ranch Bowl

Feb. 12 *Lee Rocker*
Music Box

Feb. 14 *Lil' Ed & The Blues Imperials*
Music Box

Feb. 16 *Blue October*
Music Box

on the edge

Valentine's Day facts:

■ The Italian city of Verona, where Shakespeare's lovers Romeo and Juliet lived, receives about 1,000 letters addressed to Juliet every Valentine's Day.

■ Richard Cadbury invented the first Valentine's Day candy box in the late 1800s.

■ Valentine's Day brings out the card-giver in people, with an average of 1 billion cards purchased every year.

■ In the United States, 64 percent of men do not make plans in advance for a romantic Valentine's Day with their sweethearts.

■ The Chocolate Manufacturers Association of America says that 36 million boxes of chocolate are sold for Valentine's Day.

■ More than 110,000 marriage licenses are issued in Las Vegas each year. The Marriage License Bureau is open from 8 a.m. until midnight, Sunday through Thursday, and 24 hours on Friday and Saturday. The most popular wedding days are New Year's Eve and Valentine's Day.

■ New York City's Empire State Building is considered by many to be the most romantic place to be married. Each Valentine's Day, couples join in matrimony on the 80th floor of the building.

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Valentine's Day





Seniors Josh Richardson and Candice Mahlberg prepare for a romantic dinner for two. Four out of 10 people recently surveyed prefer to go out to dinner at a restaurant for Valentine's Day. More than 50 percent thought time together was the best way to spend the holiday.

Time together tops Valentine's Day ideas

(NAPS) - What's the best way to show a loved one you care this Valentine's Day? According to a poll conducted by the American Heart Association, more than 50 percent of adults say "time together" is best - better than showing affection or buying expensive gifts. Four out of 10 people polled said they preferred to celebrate Valentine's Day with dinner at a restaurant, nearly 30 percent felt a vacation or getaway was the most romantic - with less than 10 percent interested in dancing or another activity (bowling, skiing, etc.).

The poll is part of AHA's Power of Love campaign, which helps people celebrate the love in their hearts while raising vital funds for research from participating sponsors.

AHA has a long tradition of helping heart health through research and education. Now consumers can show their feelings for loved ones by logging onto a special Power of Love Web site - americanheart.org/love. This site for sweethearts includes:

- Complimentary Valentine's Day screensavers to keep love on your

computer screen and in your heart - or to share with your sweetheart.

- Free Valentine's Day electronic greetings to send to loved ones - including a link to honor your sweetheart with a "donation from the heart" to the American Heart Association.

- Results from AHA's exclusive poll on romance and matters of the heart and opportunities to take part in online instant polls.

- Information on how some of your favorite celebrities spend Valentine's Day.

- Links to Power of Love sponsors. During February, these sponsors - the makers of beauty products and other retailers - will contribute a portion of their sales to the American Heart Association.

Thanks in part to AHA-funded research, important discoveries such as CPR, life-extending drugs, pacemakers, bypass surgery and surgical techniques to repair heart defects have been discovered. Countless people are alive today to enjoy the love of family and friends due to these life-saving advances.

Couple plans dinner surprise for holiday

By LORI REED
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

With Valentine's Day approaching there are a lot of romantic plans in the process, but nothing more romantic than this story.

Although some people do not look forward to Valentine's Day, Jill Johnson lives for Valentine's Day.

Johnson and her boyfriend, Justin Krecker, start planning early for the big day. For months Johnson anxiously awaits what her significant other has in store for her. This Valentine's Day Johnson is going to get a romantic evening at home.

Krecker plans to cook a gourmet meal including chicken parmesan, garlic bread and serve wine. Krecker plans to complete the meal with candlelight and

roses.

Krecker also has a romantic movie in store after the meal, not to mention a special surprise for his sweetheart.

On top of a wonder meal, Krecker is planning on showering Johnson with a flower and balloon bouquet early in the morning.

"I hope she loves what I have in store for her," Krecker said. "I've never done this before so I hope she is impressed."

Johnson is excited for this Valentine's Day as she has no clue what her boyfriend is going to do for her.

"I can't wait to see what my sweetie Justin has in store for me on Valentine's Day," Johnson said. "It is probably something really sweet as that is just the kind of guy Justin is."

STAYING IN FOR VALENTINE'S DAY

If you don't have big plans with your sweetheart for Valentine's Day here are some great romantic ideas for things to do at home:

- Cover the floor with newspapers and finger paint.
- Spread a blanket on the living room floor and have an indoor picnic.
- Play hide and seek.
- Dress up for a home-cooked dinner.
- Surprise your love with a bubble bath for two.
- Bake cookies together.
- Stay up all night and watch the sun set and rise together.
- Rent a movie you both agree is hilariously funny. Every time one of you laughs, kiss each other.
- Have dessert in bed.
- Hire a professional masseuse to give you both massages, or give one yourself.

COMPILED BY MICHELLE STACY
SOURCE: WWW.LOVINGYOU.COM

Internet helps some on their quest for love

(NAPS) - For an increasing number of people, the road to happiness may include the information superhighway.

For example, about a million men and women around the world are using one Web site, date.com, to meet their soul mates. In fact, in 2001, about 50 couples who met at the site got married.

Angelica Alonzo is one who found love and happiness on the Internet when the San Antonio paralegal met Roy Maxwell on date.com.

"My family thought it was a bad and dangerous idea," Alonzo recalled.

Within short order, however, an e-mail relationship blossomed into a love affair. Maxwell and Alonzo got engaged and tied the knot on June 16, 2001 in a small ceremony in Texas.

As Angelica Alonzo learned, registering at date.com is free and

finding someone at the site can be easy.

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The 20 to 30, 31 to 40 and 41 to 50 age brackets each represent about 30 percent of the date.com member base, the remaining ten percent are over 50.

Members can get into chat rooms where they can hang out and meet other singles. Different chat rooms are set up for different ages and sexual preferences.

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The site offers advice on online dating etiquette and practices. There's even an in-house astrologer to tell you what the stars say about your search.

The system was designed by relationship experts and psychologists, who created a formula for matchmaking that takes into consideration basic human traits and the results of years of relationship research.

Finding meaningful relationships is what online dating is all about.

One recent survey found that 77 percent of nearly 12,000 respondents said they are spending more time dating online since the tragic events of Sept. 11. People are looking to connect, and online dating is an increasingly popular method of doing just that.

You can read success stories, register to join or just learn more online at www.date.com.

Singles use Valentine's Day for pampering, fun

By MICHELLE STACY
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

If this Valentine's Day you are alone, don't fret. Here are some ideas to have fun without a significant other:

One great way to spend Valentine's Day is to have a night of self-pampering. Make the whole night your night. Take a relaxing bubble bath, order takeout or read a book you have been wanting to get to. No matter what you do, make sure the whole night is self-focused.

A second way to spend the day of love is to have a night online. Put on your favorite pajamas, put on some romantic music and take lots of junk food.

Spend the night talking to friends online, catching up on e-mails or playing games. You might even meet a few new friends online.

Another idea to ensure a night of fun on Valentine's Day is to have a night with friends, acting like children.

Ladies - invite all of your single girlfriends and spend the night lounging and watching romantic movies like "You've Got Mail." Make it a teen-age slumber party, complete with pizza, junk food and pillow fights.

Guys - spend the night with the fellas playing Playstation and chomping down on pizza and preferred beverages.

Or just throw a party. Invite all of your friends, turn up some music and have a good time. Any holiday is a great excuse to get the people you love together.

A last idea is to do something crafty. Paint a picture, photograph your favorite spot or scenery or cook a dish you've been wanting to try. Valentine's Day is a great day to try something you've never had the chance to before.

No matter what you do on Valentine's Day, just make sure you do not sit around feeling sorry for yourself. You do not need a sweetheart to celebrate Valentine's Day.

source: www.lovingyou.com

Benefit banquet to take place

By WARREN CROUSE
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

The first Valentine Banquet is taking place Feb. 5, for the Children's Center of Northwest Missouri. The reactivated Northwest chapter of Liahona Organization of Christian Fellowship is sponsoring the benefit.

Chef Larry Tyree from Independence will train 10 chefs from the Community of Christ Church. Each of them will then prepare food for the banquet.

The meal will consist of Caesar salad, steak au poivre, sauce chasseur/baked potatoes, ratatouille, bananas flambees, French baguettes, brie and assorted beverages.

All proceeds will benefit the Children's Center. The donations are necessary to support an average of 13 children a month that receive help from the center. These are children that have fallen through the system, said Jeanine Bradley, pastor at the Community of Christ Church.

Tickets must be purchased in advance from the Student Service Center. Cost is \$10 for students and \$12 for adults. Anyone may attend, but a maximum of 150 tickets will be sold.

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3. Heat oven to 350°F. Shape dough into 1-1/8-inch balls; roll in sugar. Place on ungreased cookie sheet.
4. Bake 8 to 10 minutes or until set. Remove from oven.
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MY VIEW

Editor has no holiday grudges

Valentine's Day is a day for couples to rejoice what they have with each other. Valentine's Day was made so women can feel loved for a day and men don't have an excuse not to take their special someone out. I'm joking of course.

You either love the holiday or you don't. Everyone in a relationship thinks Valentine's Day is always happy, but that is not always true.

You might head to the local flower shop to find the right gift. Then you'll head over to the nearest card store to find a card that best explains what is going on in the relationship. Then everything is set.

You've got a good card, a gift that consists of a bear that says "I love you" (or something like that) that is shipped in four long stem roses. Now you can't wait until your girlfriend comes over to exchange gifts, because you know that she is going to enjoy what you got her.

The time comes and she is not there and now time is getting slower and she is not showing up. Eventually, you get a phone call. It's not a good phone call.

It's one of those phone calls where you are going to have to hear about a bunch of bogus crap. Now you are sitting through a conversation and wondering if it will ever end.

After the phone call you go sit on the couch and wonder if you could be nominated for "Worst Valentine's Day" award.

Gifts will not be exchanged and the mood has certainly changed with one ring of the telephone.

If you have not caught on yet, yes, this is something that happened to me on the big couples day last year.

I never figured out why I received that phone call.

I think it had something to do with her not getting what she wanted which was probably 200 roses delivered to her.

This is not a sad story. I'm glad it happened, because I finally figured out what she was all about.

After that day, I couldn't stand Valentine's Day. Now it is coming up again and I couldn't look any more forward to it.

I'm excited about it. It's not all about gifts. It's about spending time with someone that makes you happy.

A year later I couldn't care any less about what happened then, because I now know that I'm spending this year's Valentine's Day with someone that cares more about the person I am than about what kind of gift she is going to get.

MY VIEW

Love day not about presents

I have never met Cupid, nor have I the sting from one of his infamous arrows and I doubt this Valentine's Day is going to be any different.

This holiday compels people to do things they normally wouldn't do and feel things they normally wouldn't feel. People get all caught up in the romance associated with Valentine's Day and start feeling those warm fuzzies welling up inside.

The warm fuzzy feeling is detrimental to many relationships because they may regret later like proposing marriage or telling their secret crush about unleashed feelings.

For the lonely-hearted, Valentine's Day is not exactly a favorite holiday, and I speak with some experience on this subject. If you are not with someone, there is extreme pressure to get with someone fast so you can spend Valentine's Day together. Not only are you alone, desperately rejected, on the never-so-special love holiday, you have to listen to all of your mated friends participate the big day and the after-

math.

All you lovebirds out there should realize this day is hell for singles and not pester us with all of your lovey-dovey wooing sentiments. This means refrain from using all love-associated words such as "honey," "sweetie," "darling," or "I love this one" "sugar baby." Well, I suppose we could allow you to be romantic from a distance, but we definitely don't want to hear about it later.

What is all the hype about? I don't need a sappy Hallmark card that makes me cry or a box of expensive chocolates to make me fat. I don't need a romantic candlelight dinner, elaborate gifts or a card made out of red construction paper with frilly white lace. I know other women, single or not, feel the same way regardless of what they say.

Valentine's Day is really irrelevant when you look at the whole scheme of life. It is foolish to set one day out of the year to be romantic and tell that certain someone that you love them. Everyone should be doing this already, everyday. Just think, if you would do that everyday, you would not be all stressed out about what to get your valentine in a week.

It's not about gifts, having a significant other, or any of the other rituals commonly associated with Valentine's Day. It's about being true to yourself and not buying into the ideas of Feb. 14.

Be mine ...



Elementary education major Jeneen Beavers (left) and secondary education major Kelly Peterson (right) make valentines for the elderly Wednesday afternoon. The activity was for the fifth floor of Franken Hall. The group had to make 70 valentines.

Valentine's Day rituals change with each different age group

By DEVIN RANKIN
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

When Cupid flies his arrow this Valentine's Day many will discover, loathe or rekindle love. When this time of year comes around, there are many different ideas of what Valentine's Day means and age plays a large role on views. To some, it is a perfect opportunity to let love be seen, and to others it is just another day. People of all ages celebrate this special holiday, and it can be fun to reflect back to years past and see how ideas have changed about Valentine's Day.

Looking back to elementary years, for many it was fun to make valentines at school and distribute them to classmates; it was a day to look forward to. At such a young age, Valentine's Day was not about love necessarily, but about seeing how many valentines and candy you received from friends at school.

"I like all of the candy and cards I get at Pre-K," said Erin Florea, age 5.

When high school hits, Valentine's Day seems to be the perfect time to confess your feelings to someone, or spend time with a significant other. To some, it means celebrating the day by going on a date, but to others it is just another day.

"On Valentine's Day I like to stay at home and watch television all day," said Maryville High School senior Nate Wilson.

Feelings of love still float through the air when high school seems dis-

tant and college or the work force comes along. The day is still a big deal to some, and it seems to be more of a day to dedicate to a boyfriend or girlfriend.

"I think Valentine's Day is a great holiday because it is one day where you can show your love for that special someone," said Carrie Artman, age 21. "It is not necessarily all about flowers and gifts, it is about the love that you have."

Years down the road, marriage and children come into many lives. Sometimes it seems hard to make time for the holiday with the hustle and bustle of daily routines. There are children to take to school and jobs to get to, and Valentine's Day just does not fit into the schedule.

"I like Valentine's Day, but it is hard to find time to really celebrate it when everyone has their own thing to do," said Patrice Lager, wife and mother of four.

Valentine's Day has true meaning to many and those who have had a long life are able to look back and reflect on all of the years gone past and the different ideas they had about Valentine's Day.

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AGE 21

family sends valentines, but it isn't like it was when I was younger," said Hazel Madden, age 92. "I always thought Valentine's Day was nice when I was younger. It used to be a nice way to exchange feelings for each other."

Valentines were always a big part of being a young child at school. It was a great way to let your friends know you that you liked them, not necessarily loved them.

"When we were in grade school we felt if you didn't have a valentine from everyone else, you felt left out," said Anna Martin, age 91. Now I love valentines. My grandchildren send me valentines each year.

It seems that Valentine's Day has a special meaning to each person regardless of age. So when Cupid does fly his arrow this year, think about what the special day means to you.

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PROPOSAL IDEAS

Thinking of proposing? What better day than the national day of love to ask your sweetie to spend the rest of his or her life with you. Here are five proposal ideas:

1. Using candy conversation hearts, make a trail of them from your front door to the living room, bedroom or kitchen table where you spell out "Marry Me." Your loved one will be sure to say "yes" to this sweet proposal.
2. If there is snow covering the ground outside, find a location with intact snow (a field, park, or picnic area is ideal.) Walk the outline of a big heart, and then spell out "Marry Me." Pack a thermos of hot cocoa then take your sweetie on a walk or hike. When you stumble upon your artwork, stop, drop and pop the question.
3. Buy a box of little valentine cards like the ones you handed out in third grade and write one reason why you love your sweetie, or a favorite memory on each one. Plant them everywhere, in a coat pocket, backpack, in the refrigerator, or anywhere else you can think of. On Valentine's Day, present the last and biggest card: a handmade valentine, you know the kind made of material, lace and love. Have the middle say "I want you to be my valentine forever, please marry me." This valentine will be something your loved one can have as a keepsake.
4. Make her a charm bracelet. Buy only heart charms and inscribe each one. The last one could be a miniature locket that opens to say, "Marry Me."
5. Make a path of rose petals from the front door to the bathroom. Have a romantic setting in the bathroom-candles, romantic music and have a warm bubble bath drawn. In the middle of the bath have one yellow rubber ducky. As he or she "ahhs" at the ducky, they will notice the duck has a surprise around its neck: the ring. Pronounce your love and wait for the "yes."

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How to say I Love You in various languages:

- Latin Te amo
- Irish Tiam I'ngra leat
- Italian (Lover) Ti amo
- Italian (Friend or relative) Ti voglio bene
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- French Je t'aime
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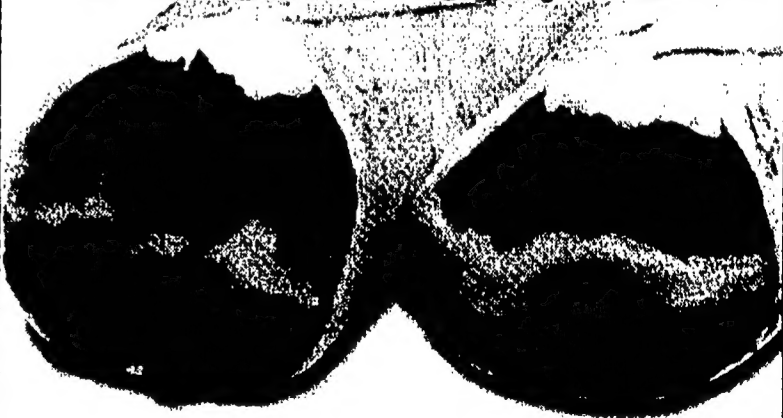
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Roses, flowers make emotional, traditional Valentine gifts

Local flower shops prepare ahead for holiday

By WARREN CROUSE
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

As Valentine's Day approaches, numerous Maryville flower shops prepare for last minute procrastinators. Unlike the forgetful significant other, they have been planning for this day for months.

"Right after Christmas stuff is put away, we start concentrating on Valentine's Day," said Emily McLain, owner of Emily's Flower Shack. "We have to have our flowers ordered by the second week in January."

Increased sales mean increased deliveries. With the volume of flowers to be delivered, help is often needed.

"In the past we have had sororities that help in the shop by making bows and wrapping the flowers," said Winifred Jones, co-owner of Maryville Florist and Greenhouse.

She said sororities have also delivered to the college as part of a money-making project.

Increased demand also means increased prices.

"The prices of roses start changing before Christmas, but

we try not to raise prices until we have to," McLain said.

She said distributors raise prices, not the flower shops themselves.

That does not stop some people from buying a large bouquet of flowers. Jones said one gentleman ordered five dozen roses for his girlfriend one year.

Flowers are not the only items purchased for Valentine's Day.

"Balloons have really mushroomed for us," said Harvey Kissinger, owner of Kissinger's Flower and Gift Shop. "We thought it was just a fad but it really is a staple."

The only factor that influences Valentine's Day is the weather. This greatly influences flower shops since much of their sales come from deliveries. Bad weather usually means fewer sales and a harder time with deliveries.

"Delivery is 65 percent of sales," Kissinger said. "There are more deliveries than there used to be."

Come snow or ice, the flowers always get delivered.



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Maryville Florists, located on Main between Second and Third, prepares for the holiday. Flower arrangements and balloons decorate the windows.

Experts give tips to keep flowers fresh, pretty

(NAPS) - According to the floral experts at 1-800-FLOWERS.COM, the following tips will help extend the life of your roses this Valentine's Day:

■ To arrange the roses, fill a deep vase with lukewarm water and mix in the floral preservative provided by the florist.

■ Remove any leaves that may fall below the waterline when placed in the vase.

■ Use shears to cut an inch from the bottom of the stem while holding it under water. This will prevent air from blocking the flow of water to the head of the bud.

■ Place roses loosely, yet evenly spaced in the vase.

■ Keep the vase in a cool spot, away from direct sunlight, vents and appliances that give off heat.

■ Add fresh water to the vase every day. Completely change the water every three to four days and re-cut the stems.

■ After a week, when the flowers have fully opened, cut each stem very short, four to five inches in length, and arrange in a smaller vase.

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Web for flowers, plants, sweets, gourmet foods and other unique Valentine's Day gifts.

The meaning of rose colors

- Red roses- Love, passion and respect
- Dark pink roses- Perfect happiness, grace, joy and thoughtfulness
- Pale pink roses- Gentleness and gracefulness
- Mauve roses- Erotic love and fantasia
- Brown roses- Fascination and anticipation
- Apricot or orange roses- Admiration and fascination
- Yellow roses- Jealousy, friendship, joy, happiness and care
- Cream roses- Charm, thoughtfulness and graciousness
- White roses- Innocence and secrecy
- Red and white roses together- Unity and engagement

Candy hearts posses rich history

By JAMIE RINEHART
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Every year millions of people across the United States will consume little candy hearts adorned with infamous sayings without knowing their history.

The hearts have been an American staple since 1860 when old time candy makers used to write the messages on a piece of paper and place them inside small candies.

Then, in the early 1900s, the founders of Necco, the maker of candy hearts,

started printing those messages on the candies themselves.

There are six flavors of Necco candy hearts in two sizes.

But it is the messages on the candies that have made history.

There have been more than 100 different messages over the years with some staying popular and others going to the wayside.

There have always been the classic sayings such as "Be mine," "Kiss me," "Be good," and "Sweet talk." Some that have not made the cut are the 1970's saying "Dig it" and "You are gay."

Necco has started to take suggestions from children around the country for new sayings for the next year.

New sayings for 2002 are: "That smile," "URA QT," "Two hearts," and "What's up."

Luckily for the health conscience, each little heart is only about three calories and they have no fat or sodium.

Fun facts:

■ Conversation Hearts, originally called Motto Hearts, were created in 1866 by Daniel Chase, brother of Necco founder Oliver Chase.

■ Before World War I, conversation hearts were made in various shapes such as postcards, watches, baseballs or horseshoes, and the hearts were embossed with curlicues.

■ Necco manufactures 8 billion sweethearts a year, the majority of which are sold during the six-week period between January 1 and Valentine's Day.

■ Twenty-five percent of the Sweethearts are sold during the last two weeks before Valentine's Day.

■ During peak periods of production, up to 100,000 pounds of conversation hearts are made each day at Necco's three locations in Massachusetts, Wisconsin and Louisiana.

■ Got a special message for your sweetheart? Necco can custom imprint Sweethearts Conversation Hearts, if you're willing to buy a full production run - approximately 3,500 pounds of the six flavored candies or 1.6 million individual hearts.

■ In 2000, Necco launched Chocolate Sweethearts for the calorie-counting chocolate lover and in 2001, to make Valentine's Day even sweeter, they launched ULTRA mint Kiss Me Sweethearts. Now, in 2002, Necco is striking an international beat by introducing Hispanic Sweethearts.

■ What does "First Kiss" and "I" have in common? They were all year 2001 sayings that Necco selected from Seventeen magazine (First Kiss) and American Girl J readers.

In 2002, look to strike a pose with new Sweetheart sayings selected straight from the fashion runway like, "Vogue" and "Tres Chic" along with many more.

■ Since 1981, Hispanic Sweethearts have been available, and highly popular within large Hispanic communities in the United States. The latest census shows the Hispanic demographic contributes to one-fourth of the United States population, and now Hispanic Sweethearts will be available nationwide.

■ Sweethearts Conversation Hearts are a great treat for the calorie-conscious. The fat-free, sodium-free candies contain approximately three calories per small heart and six calories per large heart.

■ Since the turn-of-the-century, more than 250 billion Sweethearts have rolled off Necco production lines.

■ Each Valentine's Day Sweethearts are on the tip of everyone's tongue. The Sweethearts and Necco have recently been featured on the "Rosie O'Donnell Show," "Martha Stewart Living," "The Today Show," "Good Morning America," the Food Network and a host of others.

SOURCE: WWW.NECCO.COM



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Emily McLain, owner of Emily's Flower Shack, anticipates her tenth Valentine's Day as a shop owner. Located on Main St., she awaits many customers next week.

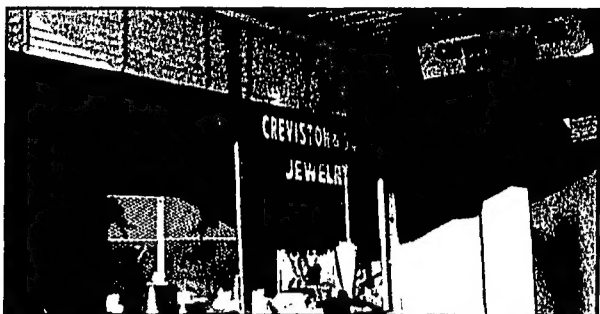


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Creviston and Son Jewelry get ready for customers looking to dazzle their valentines with glistening jewels. Wedding proposals are common on Valentine's Day.

Gift Ideas

■ Jewelry is a classic. If you want to get more romantic, engrave it with "Amour Vincit Omnia" which means "Love Conquers All" in Latin.

■ Silk nighties, boxers and lacy gowns are always a hit for lovebirds.

■ If you are up for a little road trip, a night out at a hotel or even a romantic bed and breakfast is sure to put both in the romantic mood.

■ Scents are always a good idea. For the ladies, perfumes, lotions, scented candles and bubble bath. For the guys, a bottle of his favorite cologne. With gifts of scent, both can benefit.

■ Want to give your sweetie the key to your heart? Buy him or her an engraved heart keychain and put a small key on it.

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